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ALEXANDER NISBET
Memorial to Herald Unveiled

"HISTORICAL SHORTHAND"

"A Memorial to Alexander Nisbet, the Herald, was unveiled in Old Greyfriars Church, Edinburgh, yesterday, by his Grace the Lord High Commissioner, Mr. John Buchan. His Grace was accompanied by Mrs. Buchan and members of their suite, and the ceremony was attended by Dr. Francis J. Grant, C.V.O., W.S., Lord Lyon King of Arms; Mr. J. Horne Stevenson, M.B.E., K.C., Marchmont Herald; Mr. Thomas Innes of Learney, advocate, Carrick Pursuivant; Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Balfour Paul, D.S.O., of Cakemuir, Falkland Pursuivant; and Captain Harold A. B. Lawson, Unicorn Pursuivant. His Grace was received at Greyfriars by the Lord Lyon and the Rev. Dr. W. W. D. Gardiner, minister of the church, and the ceremony took the form of a religious service.

The service commenced with the singing of the 84th Psalm, followed by prayer and the reading of the Scripture lesson, "Let us now praise famous men." The donor, Mr. Robert Chancellor Nesbitt, then offered the memorial to the custody of the Kirk Session, expressing the hope that it would add to the beauty of the fine old ecclesiastical building.

The Lord High Commissioner said he was proud to have the privilege of unveiling that memorial to a famous Scotsman; Alexander Nisbet was buried in Greyfriars Churchyard, but his tomb had long ago disappeared, like so many of their old Scottish sepulchres. The memorial was a lasting monument to a great gentleman and a great scholar.

Alexander Nisbet was born of the famous Berwickshire house, Nisbet of that Ilk. He had two uncles who followed Montrose, and who both died on the scaffold in his following. He did not think that any family on the globe could make a prouder boast than that. Nisbet himself was a douce Edinburgh lawyer, like his father before him, but he was first and foremost a scholar.

THE SCIENCE OF HERADDRY

His Grace remarked that he was not sure that he could claim for the science of heraldry a foremost place among the activities of the human mind. There was a famous German philosopher who took it as an example of what he called a "false science," but he did not agree with him. He should certainly claim for it a respectable place, as every historian must. It was a kind of historical shorthand, and its little lantern might be a most valuable guide in the dark places of the past. Moreover, it had a real interest and beauty--the beauty of exactness and regularity. There had been heralds of doubtful taste who had spoilt the simplicity of the old charges, but never in Scotland, where heralds had shown a very high level of distinction and scholarship, from Sir David Lindsay of the Mount down to his friend the present Lord Lyon.

The purity of the science in the north had been largely due to Nisbet. His great work--"A System of Heraldry," published in Edinburgh in 1722--was an institutional work, as important in heraldic science as the great institutional writers, like Stair and Erskine were in the history of Scots Law. He remembered how he pored over that work as a boy, and he still often turned to it. He was glad to think that the piety of his kinsman had erected that worthy memorial to the old scholar in the kirk in which he worshipped.

A prayer of dedication having been offered by Dr. Gardiner, custody of the memorial was accepted by Mr. W. M. M'Lachlan, W.S., on behalf of the Kirk Session, and by Mr. J. A. S. Millar, M.V.O., W. S., on behalf of the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland. The service concluded with the singing of the hymn, "City of God," and the Benediction.

The memorial which was designed by Mr. A. G. Law Samson, the Herald painter, is in the form of a mural tablet inscribed as follows:--"To the memory of Alexander Nisbet of that Ilk, Author of 'A System of Heradlry'--the most outstanding work on Scottish Armory. Baptised 22nd April 1657. Died 5th December 1725. This Memorial is erected by his Kinsman, Robert Chancellor Nesbitt, a Freeman of the City of London and sometime a Member of Parliament.

LORD LYON ON SCOTTISH HERALDRY

Following upon the unveiling ceremony a luncheon was held in the North British Station Hotel, Edinbrugh, at which Mr. Robert Chancellor Nesbitt, the donor of the Memorial, presided over a company including the Lord Lyon and members of his court. Also present were Bailie Raithby, representing the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Mr J. A. S. Millar, for the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland, the Hon. Sir Hew Dalrymple, K.C.V.O., for the National Gallery of Scotland, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Nesbitt of Ireland, and others. An interesting feature of the luncheon was the exhibition of original MSS. in the handwriting of the Herald. In thanking his guests for attending Mr. R. C. Nesbitt acknowledged the tribute of the presence of the Lord Lyon and his court at a ceremony set 200 years after the death of the famous Herald. The Lord Lyon in reply said that Alexander Nisbet the Herald wrote about Heraldry in a sane and sensible manner, and Scotland was indebted to him for a national Heraldry which was the purest in the world.

The donor of the memorial is a kinsman of Alexander Nisbet. Their common ancestor was Sir Philip Nisbet, who married Elizabeth Haldane in 1582. Mr. Nesbitt was the Unionist member of Parliament for the Chislehurst Division of Kent from 1922 to 1924. He is a solicitor and has done professional work for both Church and State. He is an advocate of the Shanghai Bar, and from 1909 to 1926 was a member of the Council of the Law Society.

From 1920 to 1922 he was a member of the Lord Chancellor's Committee on Supreme Court Fees and on Circuit arrangements, and in 1921 he was a chairman of the Social Training Grants Committee of the Ministry of Labour, which administered £ 3,000,000 voted by Parliament for the training of ex-officers after the war.

Mr. Nesbitt is a director of the Union Bank of Australia chairman of the National Mutual Life Association of Australasia, Board for Britain, and deputy chairman of the British Law Insurance Company."--The Scotsman." May 31, 1934

Accompanying the above account of the ceremony, incidents, and history concerning it. The Scotsman published a large picture showing the notables participating in the churchyard at Alexander Nesbits tomb and all other pictures showing The Lord High Commisioner Mr. John Buchan, M.P. had Mrs. Buchan inspecting the memorial after the unveiling.

(Robert Chancellor Nesbitt leased old Nisbet House and has been living there and entertaining his friends. Mr. John Buchan has been made Governor-General of Canada is now living there. O.F.N. Jan. 1936.)

Nisbet tartans can be purchased from B. Grant, 12 High Street, Inverness, Scotland.

O.B. Nesbits Library Contains

The Nesbit Heraldic Plates-Ross and Grant
The Harvey Book-Oscar Harvey
An American Family-Charles F. Nesbit
Letters of Mary Nisbet-Nisbet Hamilton Grant
Nisbet, Ross Families-Blanche T. Hartman
History of Nisbet or Nesbitt-Alexander Nesbitt
History of Nesbitt Family-Robert Nesbitt
Nesbit Family-John Pratt Nesbit
Several Volumes of Poems-Wilbur D. Nesbitt
History of Dickinson College -J. H. Morgan
Contains Charles Nisbet history
Millers and Nesbits (Ky.)-H. M. Hyatt
Cloud of Witnesses-Containing last statements of John, James and James Jr. martyred Covenanters
Hell-Hole o f Creation-L.M. Nesbitt
Hundreds of Letters and many notes
Poems-Wilbur D. Nesbit

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Dear Nisbet, Nesbit, Nesbitt or any of the other twenty-four ways of spelling the name.

Enclosed find some material that may interest you. It was upon the lands that Nisbet House occupies that the family probably originated. It is sacred ground for anyone bearing the name. You may be from Ireland, England, or France, but your ancestry probably was Scotch.

Occasionally I issue a "Letter" now called "Nisbetology" to those interested. It contains news about the members of the clan in Scotland, Ireland, England, Canada, and the United States. Two hundred and fifty copies of the last issue were mailed.

I have been collecting data upon the various families for a long time. Send me your family "tree" or give me information where it can be procured. Who is your family historian? Give me information about yourself and family and ask for information regarding others. I have enabled first cousins to find each other and numerous families to get in touch with people who know much about their family. The Nisbets are generally poor at keeping family records. Usually one person in a family is depended upon for it.

I want information about the following. I would like to contact descendants of William Nisbet who died in Augusta County, Virginia in 1794.

Descendants of John Berry who died in Augusta County, Virginia in 1770-71.

James Templer who was born in Virginia, lived and married Mrs. Mary Auld at Mount Vernon, Ohio. He died in Doniphan County, Kansas in 1861. If any of you know who Mrs. Mary Auld was I would like to know. She was born in Virginia.

My great grandfather was Samuel Nisbet whos wife was Mary Berry, they lived in Virginia from about 1770-1788 then went to Harrison County, Kentucky, and here died in 1814. My grandfather, Samuel's wife, Nancy Thomas, went to Missouri in 1824 and died in Monroe County.

If any of you have any information about James Nisbet, who was editor of a magazine in Georgia or Carolina, about 1800 or later I would like to have it. I have never been able to locate the records giving the parents of Nancy Thomas. She was married in Harrison County, Kentucky in 1813.

If you live in the vicinity of Chicago. would you be interested in attending a picnic in one of the Chicago Parks next summer?

Sincerely yours,

NISBET HOUSE
Berwickshire, Scotland

From "The Scottish Field," February, 1913.

Today Nisbet House stands very much as it did originally the only addition is the ivy-mantled western tower. For the rest, it is a white 'harled," oblong building in the castellated style, with round towers at each end of the south side and two square towers on the north, in the centre of which is the old entrance. This is a simple lintelled doorway, surrounded with a great breadth of flat moulding, and surmounted by a heavy circular hood, with the owner's shield and initials above. At first this was the Nisbets', but on the estate changing hands that of the Kers was substituted. In 1774, when the west tower was built, this entrance was closed, and the present doorway opened on the south side.

Messrs. M'Gibbon and Ross, in their noted work on Scottish architecture, thus describes the inside of the 'Castle':-- 'The ground plan is of an advanced kind, and consists of the usual oblong structure, with rooms entering through each other and extending from side to side. In addition to the hall on the ground-floor, there is a large private room, and both have chambers attached in the round towers.'

Three staircases serve to unite the various storeys in the stately old mansion--two of stone, one in each of the square towers, and a modern wooden one in the added west tower. Moreover, in those rude times a man's house was in very truth his castle, built primarily for defence, and the immensely thick walls, with their numerous loopholes, tell their own tale.

There is an intense fascination--a haunting charm--about Nisbet, with the old-world air of mystery and romance inseparable from its rambling passages, spiral staircases, secret chambers, and underground passages. The steep stone steps are worn wit the heavy tread of mailed feet, the loopholes battered with the hurtling force of cannon balls, and, looking out of the narrow, deep-set windows in the turret, one's gaze falls on the meadow near-by, where in 1402 a bloody battle was fought with the English. Things went badly with the men of the Merse that day, and many were the Berwickshire lairds who fell at Nisbet never to rise again.

But those were days of feasting no less than fighting. Above the hearthstone in the old kitchen swing heavy chains, with hooks at the ends, which were used for the roasting of an ox whole. And in intervals of border warfare there was doubtless much revelry and hospitality in the oak-pannelled dining-room. Behind the dining-room wall is a little secret room with an outlet into the wide chimeny of the adjoining library....

From the second floor a tiny secret staircase, now closed, leads downwards to an underground passage. This passage is believed to extend for over a mile, with an exit somewhere in the fields, and would be used in time of war for the purpose of smuggling in provisions and soldiers, or sending out spies and messengers.

...The beauty of this historic and stately house is much enhanced by its setting of meadow, wood, and water. Within a stones throw of the frontdoor a little stream babbles noisily beneath a mossy stone bridge, while hoary oak and ash trees stnad in groups about the grass or spread their giant arms above the carriage drive, and gorgeous copper beeches lend an effective note of colour, and in spring serve as a foil to the snowy blossoms of the 'geans.' A winding shrubbery walk leads past the crescent-shaped flower garden, with its rose trellises and lavender beds to the herbaccous border and the kitchen garden within sheltering red brick walls. The shrubbery itself is an enchanting wild garden, for there are patches of aconite and wood anemones, foxgloves, giant hemlock, and old-fashioned rose bushes, damask and maiden blush, while in February the field behind the house is carpeted with snowdrops, and in August yellow irises line the banks of the brook.

Pictures for Sale

I am having prepared a photograph of a drawing of this fine old house with the coat-of-arms in the corner which will be fit to adorn any wall or mantel. These I am offering at $1.00 each. If any profit accrues it will be used on erecting markers and improving burial places. These are appropriate for a Nisbet-Nesbit-Nesbitt. If not entirely satisfactory your money will be refunded.

Keep the above description. When you see the picture you will prize it.

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Another Honored Nesbit

Charles Nisbet,D.D. was called from Scotland to be first provost of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., in 1785 and remained until his death in 1804. His epitaph says he was a man of integrity and piety, in all learning most accomplished. Of reading immense, memory faithful, in real acumen of wit, pleasantry and satire truly astonishing; but to no mortal offensive, except to those who under the Cloak of Philosophy, insult religion. But to his family and friends, for manners, sweet benign, cheerful and social; beloved without a rival.

A GREAT NISBETOLOGIST

48 Gough Road
Edgboston Birmingham
England
January 20, 1936

Dear Sir:

The reception of No. 3 of the "Nesbitology" calls forth my fullest admiration and thanks for the enthusiasm and labour involved in its production.

You are cultivating a wide field and seeking to give a corporate sense to widely dispersed and disjointed members.

It is pleasant to read of the well being and success of so many of the great family of Nisbet-Nesbitt, who are playing their part in American life, and to feel that their lives are spent in the up-building of that great section of humanity.

With them is the great hope of the future of mankind.

While you are chiefly interested in the co-ordination of the American section of the family I have been chiefly engaged in setting forth the origin of the entire clan and tabulating the line of descent of the main family therefrom.

Mr. Nesbitt's communications have been exceedingly interesting to me, and I thank you heartily for sending this copy which has embodied them.

His death is a great loss to us all.

Yours truly,
John Nesbitt Dowling

Hope J. N. D. is able to publish the result of his work on the Nisbet families. He has done a great amount of work. Hope he will send a letter to the Nisbets of America some day. O.B.N.

NINETY FOUR LAST HALLOWEEN

A 94 year old great grand daughter of William Nesbitt of Bourbon County, Kentucky, wrote herself the following. Wish you could see it.

Windsor, Mo.
February 14, 1936

Dr. O. B. Nesbit--

I received your letter some time ago I certainly do appreciate and thank you so much. I enjoy reading them, they help to pass the time away.

We are having snow and zero weather and I don't enjoy it one bit.

Many thanks, love to all

Mrs. Jane Patten

LOUIS MARINO NESBITT
from Glasgow Herald
Monday, July 29th, 1935

On Monday last the Glasgow Herald reported the crash of a Dutch plane on the Swiss Alps when 13 people were killed including the "Punch" artist, Arthur Watts and Louis Nesbitt, and engineer and explorer. It is about Nesbitt that I would

Louis Marino Nesbitt (continued)
write. On Saturday morning he sat and wrote me on my roof top terrace discussing the plans to go to Abyssinia as a war correspondent, full of eagerness and excitement at the prospect of new adventures in a land where he had already made history with hazardous exploration.

His writing on Abyssinia had won him in the past recent years a "success d'estime", but the present day turn of events had suddenly add cubits to his importance as an authority, and a great authority on unknown Ethiopia. American editions began to boom; the London "Evening Standard" began to seek him out. By nature a retiring and modest man, all these things did not disturb him, but they acted as a spur to the literary ambition which he had always secretly entertained and now seemed about to realize. He told me how he had been called to London to join the staff of one of the Morning papers. That day he left Rome for Milan by train, caught the Dutch (flier)Air liner for a quicker air dash for London. An hour or so later he was dead.

Scottish Ancestry

Louis Marino Nesbitt was of Scotch descent, as his name of course shows, but he was removed from direct connection with Scotland by several romantic generations. Originally from Berwickshire, his forebears had acquired estates at the plantation of Ulster. His grandfather left landlording for an army career and served in India as Colonel of what as Nesbitt used to describe to me as "the 22nd. Regiment, Bengal Army." when sailing home on leave one time the Colonel went ashore for a stay on Malta and there he met a French lady who became his wife. On the Colonels retirement from the army in India his wife couldn't stand the rejours of the English climate. Indeed, even in Malta and in India she had become crippled with rheumatism.

Hearing of the cures said to have been made by the volcanic waters on the Island of Iochia, near Naples, Colonel Nesbitt took his wife there--and, lo, she was cured. So great was their joy that they settled in Italy where all around the Bay of Naples, the charitable work of the French wife of the Scot's colonel was so much appreciated that a street was named after her on the Island Iochia, and is still known as Strada Nesbeeti- (to write it phonetically). Local property was bought,and the Nesbitt family, Italian Braels was founded. The children of that couple in due course extended the property to various parts of Italy, The North as well as the South; and they became considerable contributors to the development of always more perfect farms of the grape producing vine.

Engineer and Author

The eldest of these sons married an Italian lady, and the third generation of this Scots-Franco-Italian family in time grew up, always maintaining British citizenship. Louis Marino Nesbitt was one of the sons of that third generation. At the time of his death he was 44 years old, but lithe and active as a man in his twenties. To look at, he was a typical lowland Scot, his Lalin blood revealing itself only in his vivacity of manner. He was of course, completely bi-lingual, indeed tri-lingual being equally brilliant as a writer in English, Italian, and French, Spanish, German and some Arabic and a smottering of Abyssinian he acquired.

Trained as a mining engineer at the Techinical Institute of Rome, The Caniborne School of Mines in Carnwall, and the Institute of mines and metallurgy of Wilwaters sand, he began his first work in South Africa. His mining work and his lone journeys into

Louis Marino Nesbitt (continued)
remote parts or places were always accompanied by a keen interest in the primitive peoples among whom he found himself often isolated. Couples with this interest were powers of observation, a sense of humour, and an ever-growing ability to put his impressions in writing.

"Hell-Hole of Africa"

During 1926-27 he went to South America, and penetrated into odd corners of Cuba, Venezuela, and made his first serious exploratory journey in Llanos of the Orinoco. In the following year he went to Abyssenia and there was international recognition for an expedition successfully led by him through Afriba below the level of the Red Sea, lies between Erithea and the Abyssinian Plateau

They travelled South to North with an itinerary of 800 miles covering the distance in 116 days and making a compass survey of 20,000 square miles of hitherto uncharted land, in a temperature of quesibly raying in tent shade between 140 and 156 degrees fahrenheit. All previous expeditions in this region had been wiped out by the savages of this Abyssinian outland. For this exploration Nesbit was given Murchicon Award by the Royal Geographical Society of London, and his survey forms the basis of the British and Italian operation maps of that region of Abyssinia. Well known thoroughout Abyssinia and Italian East Africa he was equally respected by the Italian and Abyssinian authorities. As a correspondent he would have been invaluable.

Loss to Literature

At one time the Emperor Haile Selassie wanted him to found a school of engineering at Addis Ababa, but he refused to tie himself down to one spot. If you want bright and informative not to say adventurous reading about Abyssinia. I heartily recommended his best known book "Desert and Forest".

The exploration of Abyssinia Danakil, published by Johnathan Cape. In his work there is something of the expansiveness and simplicity of Douglity.

Nesbitt's English is limpid and without mannerism, in that he shared with the Arabian traveller a passion for getting deep not only into strange lands, but into the lives of strange people, recording his observations about them and their country. "I feel happy that I was born in time he writes, to employ the ancient slow methods of exploration, by which the very taste and smell of remote and primitive territories is forced, even though it be painfully, on the observation of the travellers." And he after his mullifold escapes from death while struggling bodily through the Torrid Zones, was destined to die in an aeroplane smash on icy peaks.

(The above was copied and sent me by Mrs. Ethel N. Dobson. Get and Read L. M. Nesbitt's book "Hell Hole of Creation", if you like a thrilling tale. "Desolate Marcher", T. Nelson and Sons, Ltd. Toronto, Canada, $3.50 is another of his on Venezeula. Thanks cousin Ethel for the above. O. B. N.)

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62 Barrows Street, New York City, N. Y.
or
Little Falls, N. J. - March 10, 1936

Dr. O. B. Nesbit:

The generosity you display to the 37 varieties of "Nisbet-Nesbitt" (spellings of names of your recipien) people is remarkable.

The last collection was very valuable and I am sending it complete to my Aund--now in England. She had a talk with an old

62 Barrows Street, New York City, N. Y.(continued)
clergyman present at Alexander Nisbet, Herald, Ceremony.

Now for ourselves we should like three pictures of the old "Nisbet House" and a couple of each of the post card views. I have copied addresses you included so that I can use them by correspondence or by actual visiting. I'd love to bring back a steamer rug of the old tartan.

We were brought up on the old story of the origin of the name in 1042 with the crest "A hand grasping a truncheon"; the motto of the house "Ifight for the King" or something like that.

It was a custom of our branch of the family to name two sons Andrew and Robert, of interest to all who consider true the tradition of the first (Nisbet, Nesbitt, Nesbit) being named Andrew.

The Geneological division of the New York City Public Library may have more facts for us. I shall visit there soon.

My mother and I both wish to sign ourselves,

Gratefully yours,
Elizabeth Nesbitt M. D.

"AMONG THE DEEP-SEA-FISHERS"
(Official Organ of the International Grenfell Association)
Offices- 156 Fifth Avenue - New York City, N. Y.

Extract from one of Sir Wilford Grenfell's letters the magazine (Among the Deep-Sea-Fishers)

"We all regret that Miss Linda Nesbitt has had to take a holiday to recharge the hard worked machine which has been serving us so strenuously. We shall miss her enthusiasm, her skill, and her experience. Fortunately, an old friend has volunteered to hold the fort in the interval. Miss Helen Schiesen will preside in the New York office in Miss Nesbit's place. If Miss Nesbitt is satisfied we need have no worries about her." --Ethel M. Dobson.

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26 Tregunter Road - S.W.10-Flax.8001, October 29th, 1936
Dear Sir:

Mr. Nesbitt has asked me to acknowledge you letter of the 12th and was much interested in what you tell him. He thinks you may like to see the little pamphlet which we prepared to be given to the visitors to Queen Mary's House. It gives many details about the Carre panel which for about two hundred years was at Nisbet House. (A reprint from The Scotsman is given elswhere concerning the hatchment. O. B. N.)

He will be pleased to accept your kind invitation to send a message to the Nisbets of America and this will follow very soon, we hope. He has been much occupied since returning to London, having spoken at the Provincial Meeting of the Law Society held at Nottingham on the difficult question of "The Tithe Settlement" and more recently at a country lecture society he read a paper on Montrose.

As you will appreciate, he shares your interest in family research and wishes you continued pleasure and recreation in it.

Yours very truly,
Janet Kerr Watson
Secretary to
Robert Chancellor Nesbitt.

RARE EXAMPLE OF SCOTTISH HERALDRY

Loan to Queen Mary's House Jedburgh

There will be placed on loan to-morrow at Queen Mary's House, Jedgurgh, a hatchment or achievement of "John Carre of Cavers & His Lady Margaret Wauchope Impaild therewith," which is pronounced to be a beautiful thing and the work of a highly skilled craftsman. It is regarded as being of historical interest and of considerable heraldic value. There are a number of hatchments to be found on the Continent, but in Scotland to-day one such as this is very rare.

At the head of the hatchment are the words "Tout Droit," the motto of the Ker family. Encircling the centre shield are the coats of arms of the eight branches belonging to each of the families of Carre and Wauchope. These include the coats of arms of the Duke of Buccleuch, of Lord Jedburgh. of Lord Ochiltree, of Wauchope of Edmonston, of Lord Torphichen, and of Rutherford of Hundaly.

This Carre hatchment is fittingly placed in Queen Mary's House, formerly owned by the great-grandfather of John Carre of Cavers, Sir Thomas Ker of Ferniehirst. Sir Thomas was a lifelong friend and devoted adherent of Queen Mary, and it was he who lent the house to her on the memorable occasion of her visit to Jedburgh in October 1566, where, after her desperate ride to Hermitage Castle to see Bothwell, she lay ill for many weeks and nearly lost her life. The Ker arms with the motto "Tout Droit" shown on the hatchment are to be found carved in more than one place on the House at Jedburgh.

The hatchment is dated 1709, and for nearly two hundred years it was at Nisbet House, Berwickshire, where, in the burial vault adjoining the mansion, repose the remains of Margaret Qauchope, the wife of John Carre of Cavers. A family of Kers lived at Nisbet for many years, and a portrait of Sir Thomas Ker of Ferniehirst hangs in the drawingroom at Nisbet House.

It was Ker who when placing the Ker arms over the door at Nisbet removed the Nisbet arms, which are now in the burial vault. It is a curious coincidence that now, three hundred years later, a Nisbet should have found this Carre hatchment and brought it back to Nisbet. It was recently found broken and dilapidated, in a neighboring village by Mr. Robert Chancellor Nesbitt, during his residence at Nisbet House, the home of his forefathers.

It was acquired by him and forwarded to the Lyon Office in Edinburgh for inspection and advice. The Lord Lyon and his heralds pronounced it to be work of the highest skill, probably the best hatchment now existing in Scotland. Accordingly, it was restored under the direction of the herald painter to the Lyon Court, the colors of the various coats of arms happily retaining their original lustre.

In consequence of the association of the Carre family with Queen Mary's House, Mr. Nesbitt has presented the hatchment to the trustees of Queen Mary's House on loan for exhibition.

(A hatchment is a sort of panel, upon which the arms of a deceased person are temporarily displayed--usually on the walls of his house.

-The Scotsman, Friday, September 4, 1936.

FROM MRS. ROBERT NESBITT

Sutton-in-Ashfield, England
March 11, 1936

Dear Dr. Nesbit:

When I see the date on your last dear letter and also on the last lovely Family Letter, I feel so ashamed of myself. He would not have treated you like that.

But really dear Friend (I look on you as that) I have been far from well more or less of the time since that awful ending. I have now been away from home six weeks, nearly. I am really at last feeling better in health. You see I am 79 years old and we lived like lords fifty-three years. People say I have lovely memories. Yes, I have but they sadden one as well. I used to walk these lovely walks with him and the beautiful chines with their eternal greenery.

You and your wife ought to see this place. I think it is unique in England anyhow. But don't forget to come and see us at Sutton. We shall look forward to it. I hope I shall be alive. My husband had nearly finished a second volume. It will be a very small book. You will not find it so interesting as the History. It may be published late this year and I shall send you a copy or two.

You asked me the price of the Nesbit history which your friends were inquiring about. I see my husband sold a few copies to the members of the Nisbet and my family--the price L.3.3.0 per copy. It seems a great deal of money but I assure you it cost him a great deal more money than that. A friend of my husband's has a number of copies and if any of your friends would like to purchase them just let me know and I will have them sent on at once.

Oh dear me how pleased he would have been at your using Nesbitology. He was awfully pleased with himself when he thought of it. Mr. Robert Chancellor Nesbitt of London said he was very much taken with the word, and would use it too.

My husband used to talk about you and your wonderful letters to him the day long. He loved any Nesbit it seemed to me but you were so much of his way of thinking-well, dear Sir, you had a niche all to yourself. Your three Family Letters are delightfully informative.

Bob and I had a lovely time with Wilbur D. Nesbit in Chicago (the writer of that poem). He claimed he was a relative of ours. He gave us a dinner, he and his were utterly charming. I remember we had a hot ice for the one and only time in our lives, and we were the"observed of observers" at the club. When Wilbur died Bob wouldn't tell me . I heard the news from an American in an Irish Hotel, I said, "Why didn't you tell me darling?" he replied,"It saddened me too much, I wasn't going to sadden you." He (Wilbur) wrote often to Bob and sent us a number of his books.

That Rev. Wm. Nesbit in Letter No. 3 says his aunt's grandfather came from Ballabay. My husband came from Bally bay(but the country men often pronounced it Ballabay.) I think it is the same word. It is in the county of Monaghan; it looks to me as if he would be one of the family.

Oh! why didn't you start these letters long ago?

I recall the lovely Rocky Mountains of your country. I never slept all night for looking at them. We both have been where your dear wife was last year.

I am looking for some more family letters from you. I thank Alfred Berry Endicott for his wonderful letter. Have read it often and wonder at his great patience and lovely heart, and all the

From Mrs. Robert Nesbitt- March 11, 1936 (continued)
other letters. I must stop. All my love to all of you and dear little Judith. Don't forget her.

Yours very sincerely,
A.E. Nesbitt

ANNIE ELIZABETH (COBURN) NESBITT

His history of the Nesbitt Family by Robert Nesbitt is a masterful presentation by his and allied families and its posession will please any Nisbit. Now is a good time and here a good chance to acquire a copy.

A GOOD STORY. CAN YOU HELP MRS. EMERY?

1316 S. Walnut Street- Bloomington, Indiana- May 8, 1936

Dear Dr. Nesbit:

Recently I found a paper written by D. B. Foster, 1908 for the Monroe County Historical Society. Dr. B. Foster was the grandson of Thomas Nesbit 1769-1861.

Thomas Nesbit was my great-great grandfather. I have been collecting bits of interesting anecdotes of members of the family as well as the genealogy.

I am anxious to know if you have this same story handed down in your family. I think your ancestor is Samuel.

"Thomas Nesbit was born in Pa. Apr. 10, 1769. When a small child , his parents emigrated to Nicholas Co. Ky. They came down the Ohio River on a flatboat in the early 1770's. Thomas' earliest recollections were the war shoops of savages. One day in the early spring news was brought that Indians were coming. Only Thomas and his mother were in their cabin home. His mother dragged the child and a feather bed into a large V-shaped ash-hopper. She had scarcely pulled the boards in place over them when the savages appeared, uttering bloodcurdling yells. The home was burned to ashes. When his mother found a place of safety she learned that the Indians had killed her husband".

I wish I knew the name of this mother and father. The records I have of the family state that Thomas was the youngest of seven brothers, but not much more. I have a complete record of Thomas' family.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Charles R. (Lura B.Emery)

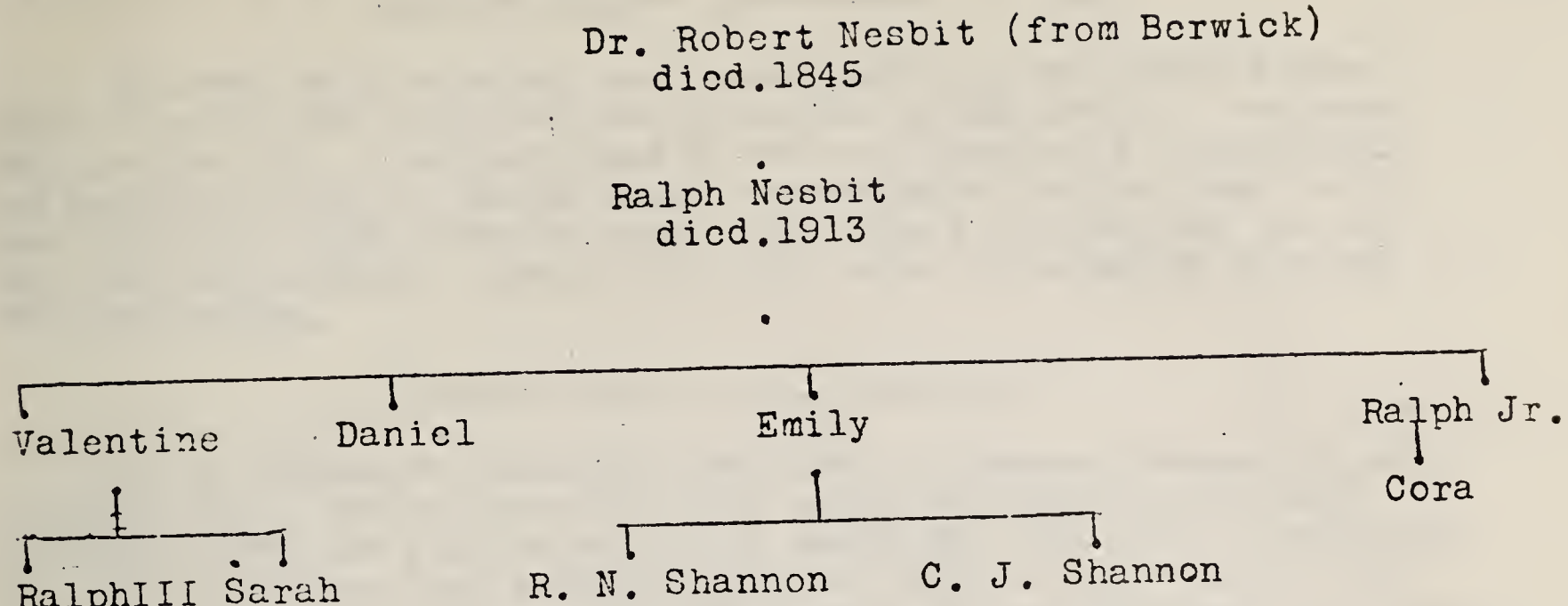
Mrs. Walter H. Nisbet, ~~wife of C.C.Clay~~ at Peru, Indiana died at Indianapolis, Indiana Oct. 13, at the home of one of her dau. where she had gone on a visit. She was burried at Peru. Her husband survives and he writes "I have lost one of the dearest friends and companions a man ever had. She was so good". One son Henry and two daughters survive. Walter is the historian for the William Nisbet b. 1735 family and has much valuable material if we can get him to write it up it will serve many people.

It was our good fortune to know Mrs. Nisbet and we agree with Walter that she was a fine good woman and mother.

CAROLINA NESBITS

Ralph Nesbit III 3542 Lenox Road, Birmingham, Alabama sends the following with a copy of Coat of Arms. Wish he would send family history.

Carolina Nesbits (continued)



"OUR KIN"
by Mary Denham Ackerly
And
Lula Eastman Jeter Parker

History, Biology, Genealogy; one volume of 820 pages; index 105 pages; 66 illustrations; published 1930.

Contains a brief history of Bedford County, Virginia, a long list of Revolutionary soldiers of Bedford hitherto unpublished, and the history and genealogy of many of the old families of this colonial county--among them: Ackerly, Buford, Bell, Beverly, Board, Bolling, Bond, Boone, Burks, Callaway, Clark, Clayton, Finley, Goggin, Gwatkin, Hatcher, Jeter, Johnson, Jopling, Logwood, Lowry, Martin, Mays, McManaway, Moorman, Otey, Parker, Phelps, Poindexter, Robertson, Sledd, Snead, Talbot, Turpin, Vaughan, Walker, White, Wright.

Had a special sale for $15.00 up to May 1, 1936. After that $25.00.

Order from Mrs. Mary D. Ackerly Fields
The Plains, Virginia

Have any of my readers patronized the Media Research Bureau, of Washington, D. C.? Will you send word how satisfactory its service was to you? Is it a reliable concern?

Miss Glenn Nesbit, M.A. Stanford '33 a teacher, lives 42 W. Palm Lane, Phoenix, Arizona, had to give up a trip abroad last year on account of her mothers illness. She belongs to the Sullivan, Indiana family. Her Sunday School Class, Business Girls' Class, First Church of Christ (Christian) sponsers the Casitas Del Sol (Spanish for little House of the Sun) for Tuberculous women and Girls at #35.00 per month. Cash is always acceptable.

Another Nisbet Descendant At Rest

He sent me a revised and corrected copy of "Wood Smoke" that I will send you some day, He was distressed at the way we garbled it. I regret that I did not know A. B. personally am grateful that we found him. My sympathy to his good wife and family. Hope some of them will take his place as one of our correspondants. Thanks for the paper from which we copy the following.

"Death Takes A. B. Endicott"

A. B. Endicott, one-time cashier of Pomona Commercial & Savings bank, and then until four years ago associated with Home-Builders Loan Association of which his son, Paul Endicott, is vice-president and manager, passed away at 10 o'clock Sunday morning at his home, 1027 Dartmouth Avenue, Claremont. He had been failing in health for some years, and for the last three years had been confined to his bed.

Born in Cynthiana, Ind., February 18, 1867, Mr. Endicott during his boyhood was taken to Iowa by his father and lived in that state until 1911 when he came to Pomona. He was in railroad service in Iowa for some years, and then, more than 30 years ago, entered the banking business in Brighton, Ia.

Twenty five years ago he left Brighton to come to Pomona where he established the family home and entered the real estate business, first with Caves, Stevens and Hartley, and later with C. C. Caves, his brother-in-law. For about two years he was at El Monte, where he joined in organization of the Southern County bank.

Returning to Pomona, he became cashier of Pomona Commercial & Savings bank, serving in that capacity from 1915 to 1921, then becoming associated with Home-Builders' Loan Association, in which he was active until ill health forced his retirement about four years ago. His home has been in Claremont for the last 15 years.

Mr. Endicott was a member of Methodist churches in Iowa and in Pomona, and in recent years has been a member of Claremont Community church. He has been a Mason since young manhood, and was a member of Pomona lodge no. 246, F & A. M.; he also was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America in Iowa.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Rose Endicott, at home, he leaves one son, Paul Endicott; one grandson, John Caves, of Pomona; one brother J. N. Endicott, of Chicago. His mother died during his infancy; his father, J. N. Endicott, died here 15 years ago.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Todd & Reeves Chapel, Pomona. The Rev. Hardy A. Ingham of Los Angeles, who was pastor of the Brighton Methodist church when Mr. Endicott was a member there will officiate, assisted by Dr. A. D. Stauffacher, minister of Claremont Community Church. Interment will be in Pomona Cemetery --Progress Bulletin, Pomona, California. Nov. 9,1936.

LAST LETTER FROM ALFRED BERRY ENDICOTT
February 18th., 1936

Dear Dr. Nesbit:-

Along about Christmas time I started sliding downward and for some weeks had a rather difficult time. For awhile now I've been doing better and am stronger, hence, once more, am permitted, by Roseanne, to have machine beside me so that I may peck out, in my one-finger way, some letters, etc.

Your "NESBITOLOGY" "No. 3" came when I was pretty ill. Having now been able to read it (over and over again) I want to make acknowledgment of its receipt, and tell you that I enjoyed it greatly.

I sort of gasped when I saw you had included my long letter together with the 'prose poem' in your letter - had I anticipated that much of publicity, I think I would have been a little more modest in the putting forth the accomplishments of that grandson of mine :- members of the 'Family' may think it rather boastfully put and 'twas not meant that way.

In reading over the 'prose-poem' as it appears in your letter I discover some differences as between it and the original in my file - some omissions and errors that somewhat confuse its continuity. I remember that when making copy to send to you, I had become rather tired, and it appears made a mess of it. Roseanne thinks that I should send you a corrected dopy to be placed in your files to replace that one sent you originally, so, I am doing it. Just a bit of vagary after all, but I'd like you to have it in the form evolved, and trust this copy will carry the picture to you in a more definite way.

I would like to go over your letter and pick out the portions that were highlights for me, but my strength for the time being is about used up, so, I will forego that pleasure until some later date.

I do want to say now that we much regret not having seen the 'Family' representative who came to the Coast -(when at Pasadena only 28 miles away) - however, the physical handicap of illness-continuing illness - would have made it impossible for us to offer the hospitality that a visit from them should have received, hence there could have been no pleasure for them had they been able to come this way, so, we shall have to take our disappointment as just another of those that come to one in my condition of health.

I cannot close without expressing that feeling of personal loss that came upon me when I read that Doctor Robert Nesbitt had gone to join that vast throng of his family who, thru the ages, over there, have preceded him into that "far country from whose bourne no traveler returns". You see, it was thru his visit to and description of Nisbet House, which you passed on to us, that I came to sense the greatness of the place and to appreciate its history. Whether or not I am descended from the line matters not-it is good to have knowledge of such an worthwhile group of folks. I am grateful for what he has given us (and to you for passing it along as you have) and know how deeply you, who knew him so well, must feel his loss.

I just must and will stop right here. Our sincere regards, again to you and yours.

Alfred Berry Endicott,
1027 Dartmouth Avenue,
Claremont, California,

*Feb. 18, 1867-Feb.18, 1936
*Count 'em - 69 - hence an anniversary today.
*I feel that "I was born 30 or 40 yrs. too soon."
(Died Nov. 8, 1936 O.B.N.)

A TEXAS LAWYER WRITES

Dear Doctor:

After receiving your "Nisbetology" I wrote you a card stating I would write you a letter later on, and am trying to fulfill that promise. My daugher, Margaret Lucille, was very much interested in it and carried it home before I had read all of it, but I intend to read it all. I have two sons, Luther. Melvin, age 30 and Woodrow Watkins, age 23. Both sons are married and the youngest, has a son , David Gene, one year old. My father, James Alexander Nisbet was born in Kentucky, I Virginia, but am not sure of this. I have a brother, Allan Jones Nisbet, living at Giddings, Texas, which is also my birthplace, but I have lived in Houston about thirty years. My brother has two sons, Edw. Allan and Asa Fields; Allan lives here, and is married and has a young daughter young and Asa lives in Austin, Texas and is not married. There is Edw. R. Nisbet, a D. C. who lives here, who tells me that his people came from Georgia. His father is a Presbyterian minister, living in Galveston. My mother's name was Margaret Calhoun Ross, and descended from the Ross' in Alexandria, Virginia. I met Edw. R. Nisbet on the street today and told him about your letter, and he was very much interested. Some of his ancestors wer named "John". I have two sisters, Mrs. Lilla Nisbet Noble, living in Ft. Wayne, Texas and Mrs. Maude Nisbet Morse. Mrs. Noble has two sons and one daughter and Mrs. Morse has three sons and two daughters, most of the Morses live here.

I would like to have your letter no 2, if you still have one.

Thanking you and best wishes,

Yours very truly,
F. W. Nisbet

Jan. 28, 1936

Tekamah, Nebraska
April 2, 1936

Dear Dr. Nesbit;

Your letter of Nesbit history came early in the year. I took it up to an Aunt of mine, Mrs. Margaret Nesbit Squires, Tekamah, and she enjoyed it, read it all so she says with her fading eyes. She is past 80. She said her Grandfather and mother names were William and Ellenor. I wonder if my Uncle Richard ever wrote to you.

If we are not blood relatives dating back far off, we are surely near soul relatives. You spoke of the Christmas party in the basement for the children, we have a room in our basement that the neighborhood children have free access to at all times. Then when you mentioned the "Iris Breakfast" I knew for sure! just as the "Rainbow in the Eastern sky proclaims that God is Save "the Iris-rainbow flower- tells me the same thing. I've never attended an "Iris Braekfast" but I never eat any breakfast during the Iris season until I've walked up and down in my Iris rows and given thanks for the returning season. We happen to live within 30 miles of the famous "Sass Iris" gardens. A wonderful sight to visit there.

I hear my nephew William Vincent is doing fine. I am very fond of him and like to hear good things of him.

Yours sincerely,
Mary Nesbit MacDonald.

A THOMAS FAMILY

Springfield, Ohio
December 14, 1936

My dear Doctor Nesbit,

Your interesting letter came to me this afternoon and I am answering immediately lest in the excitement of the Christmas Season, I might be distracted from my good intentions.

While always pleased to hear from people who are interested in their lineage, your letter concerns me greatly because I fear I am not able to help you.

Please let me say in the beginning that I am not a professional geneologist. What I am doing is merely done because it is my hobby and also that I feel the dire need of our family of some sort of a genealogical record. It has never been attempted before and I fear that my task is one of almost insurmountable magnitude because of the negligence of former generations. I have traced our Thomas family back to Griffith Thomas an emigrant from Wales who first settled in Chester County, Pennsylvania and later removed to Orange County, North Carolina. His children were John, Moses, James, Mary, Griffith, Infant, Jacob, Betsey and Joseph (The White Pilgrim) (born 1791 died in 1845.)

When I first read your letter I though perhaps your ancestor might be the above John, but after consulting my records I find that it is barely possible.

Reference to our John Thomas is found in a diary of the White Pilgrim. He speaks of John living in Montgomery County, Virginia (now Giles County) in 1803 and that he was a single man keeping batchelors hall." Again later in the diary he under the date of December 6, 1808 refers to a visit with his brother John "and family". So it is quite evident that John married sometime between 1803 and 1808.

Now, if your Nancy dau. of one John Thomas was married in 1811 to Samuel Nisbet, she could not have been the daugher of this John of mine, as she would have been only 6 or 8 years of age in 1811. This is my deduction and of course could be wrong.

We do know that the John of our family removed to Missouri in the early days and so far have been unable to trace any of his descendants. We have several leads out that we hope to bring results. One of which might be of some help to you.

We are in communication with the Missouri State Librarian (or Historian) hoping to get some data through old county histories. Often times these give considerable ancestry. You might ask if there is any mention found of Nancy, wife of Samuel Nesbit. I found a sketch in an old history of Livingstone County, Ill. that enabled me to bridge an enormous chasm in my family records.

Oh, I am sorry not to be able to assist you for I know too well what it means to get a little boost once in a while.

My Thomas history is still in an embryo stage due to lack of interest in so many of the relatives who do not reply to my inquiry and request for data. Doesn't it seem queer that people want and deman pedigree in their dogs, hogs, horses and cows but remain utterly unconcerned about their own lineage?

Please let me hear from you again. I wish you success and would like to help you,

Sincerely,
Grace Wingert

N E S B I T O L O G Y

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Mailed to those who acknowledge in some manner its receipt.
News about your family and the "Clan" especially desired.

LET'S HAVE OUR HEAVEN HERE

Wilbur D. Nesbit

So, brother, it's the handclasp
The good word, and the smile
That do the most to help us
And make the world worth while.
A ringing song of friendship,
A word or two of cheer--
Then all the world is gladder
And the low'ring sky is clear.

It's you and I together--
We're brothers, one and all,
When through a word of friendship
We feel the subtle call.
Then all the world is happy
And all is worth the while--
Ho, brother, it's the handclasp,
The good word, and the smile!

Whenever life goes duller,
Then come the helping hand
To set our minds a-tingle
With the thoughts we understand--
It's all of us together,
Or it's only you and me;
But the smile that tells of friendship
Is the fairest thing we see.

We friends who stick together
Through days of weal or woe
Find all our lives illumined
By that unchanging glow
Which gives us newer blessings
Unto our store to add--
Then all our tasks are lighter;
This world of ours is glad.

So, brother, it's the handclasp,
The good word, and the smile,
That makes our journey pleasant t
Through many a weary mile.
Then sing a song of friendship,
And speak a word of cheer--
Don't wait till the hereafter;
Let's have our heaven here!

AN APPRECIATION

The past year has been a busy one for me and except for sending out orders for pictures of "Nisbet House" I have neglected the acknowledgment of letters received in response to Nesbitology No. 3. Your letters have been kept and really many were only read carefully for the first time this week. My impression had been that there was not enough interest manifested to warrant a fourth letter. The indifference of Nisbets to requests for information is not a family trait as I once believed. I find in my contact with genealogists that it is true of families generally. In going over the matter carefully I find so much of value to me that I believe many others will be interested in the reproduction of some of these interesting letters. I was entertained, instructed and pleased and more than paid for the time and money spent. If your reply is not included, remember it has been kept and I hope sometime to include its contents.

The Chicago Telephone Directory for 1935 contained forty Nisbets-Nesbits- Nesbitts. A self addressed post card was enclosed in a circular to each asking if they would be interested in a picnic in one of the parks some Sunday afternoon last summer to get acquainted. I also enclosed a circular about "Nisbet House" pictures. Not a single card was returned. I know some of these people would object to a Sunday picnic on religious grounds but certainly not many in Chicago would find such an excuse. I sent a circular about "Nisbet House" to forty Nesbits whose names were in the American Medical Association Directory and received replies from about half. This was a very large response and has led to the finding of some very interesting people.

The response to Nesbitology No. 3 is very gratifying. I hesitate to drop any from the mailing list and force people to read or discard Nesbitology when they are not interested. This has led me to carry some on the mailing list who do not even send a postcard. I do not want to be a bore even if the family animal emblem is a boar's head - not one, but three.

Personally I am interested in contacting descendants of John Berry who died in Virginia in 1770 and of James Templar, born in Virginia in about 1793. The latter lived and married Mrs. Mary Auld at Mt. Vernon, Ohio in 1830, went to Missouri and died in Kansas in 1859. I have never learned Mrs. Auld's maiden name.

My grandmother was Nancy Thomas who married Samuel Nisbet in Harrison County, Kentucky, June 1, 1813. She was born in 1793, died in 1869. I searched for years to find her father's name. During the past year Charles Thomas of Indianapolis wrote me to search for a marriage bond and one was found that showed her father to be John Thomas. So now I have another great-grandfather. Do any of you doubting Thomases or other kind of Thomas know who his ancestors were? This illustrates how we can often be helpful to one another.

Hope you will find something of interest in this edition. Sale of pictures is not the main purpose of Nesbitology. It is to gather and disciminate information about the Nisbit and allied families. What part of this edition would you have liked me to have omitted?

Sincerely yours,
Otis B. Nesbit

444 Jackson Street, Gary, Indiana

NEWS ABOUT OUR FOLKS

We made no extended trips last summer. We had a new Hess Hot Air conditioned heating plant put into one corner of the basement , with rectangular pipes. Put on a wall board.ceiling. Painted the few exposed air ducts alluminum, the ceiling ivory, the walls and floors various colors, a black line indicates portions on the floor. New electric wiring in the basement, changed the water pipes, made a laundry room and excavated under the front porch for a store room and the oil tank. We use the old Oil-O-Matic burner. Put a barn ventilator on the roof. While not installed early enough for the very hot weather we got the fan going and ventilation up for the August hot weather and were satisfied to stay home as we found it more comfortable than most places.

I developed some arthritis so as to have something to complain about in December but kept going as we had our usual immunization vaccination program on at school and I had to keep going but have been quite close to home during the vacation, which is half gone. Hope to finish up and get Nesbitology out early in next week. For the benefit of the new readers I may state I make my living as Director of the Medical and Dental Department of the Public Schools. I am to be master of ceremonies at the installation of the new officers at the Kiawanis Club, Jan. 5th at a party which the ladies will attend.

Allegra has been home this week from the University of Chicago where she is working for her masters. She is fine and getting on well.

We were too busy for the Christmas party but hope to have the children in some day this next week.

We have had a nice Christmas. We went to Valporaiso and had dinner with Cora and Ella Vincent and Jessie Philley. Alice and I went over last summer and helped Cora and Ella trade off their old place for a modern home and they are delightfully settled, and located. They are very happy in it. They made a good trade.

Alice has received an invitation to join the Society of Indiana Pioneers. She is not a good joiner and has not as yet accepted. If I could establish that grandmother Mary Berry Nisbet came to Washington County, Indiana with her daughter, Mary Nisbet Martin, in 1825 when the Martins came it would make me eligible. What have you on this Mrs. Webb? The only thing I can promise at this time is that she died at the Martins home in 1828. This record is in the Martin Bible owned by Mrs. Webb. The descendants of James Nesbit and Aaron Lewis are eligible as these families settled in Posey County in 1818.

"Gyp" the Percian cat has not yet made up with Judith. He tolerates her but does not appreciate her.

Sister Nancy (Nannie L.) now eighty two has given up her Richmond, Calif. home and gone into the California Christian Home. (Post Office Box 128, San Gabriel, Calif.) She found several old friends there. Is delighted with it, and the climate and the family of fifty women and eleven men who make it their home. Our neice Mrs. Mildred Nesbit Bobo lives near and keeps a close watch over her. Nannie says she has no cares and enjoys the freedom with nothing to do but care for her room, eat, sleep, talk and pray.

Beatrice did not find Singapore as good for her health as upon her previous visit and her husband, Doctor Alexander Oppenheim Professor of mathematics at Raffles College brought her

and their child, Judith, back. They flew to Chicago from San Francisco arriving November 18th. The trip was beneficial to Beatrice and she has steadily improved since returning. Missed only one meal no I mean lost only one meal that was on the air plane. Dr. Oppenheim hurried back catching a Japaneese boat from Seattle Dec. 5, and would be back about on schedule being on a sixty day leave.

Grandma Alice has been quite busy getting and keeping a maid. I picked the nurse and she stays and is a good one. The only serious trouble is keeping the grandmother and mother in the background. They insist on spoiling a very nice baby. Beatrice is assisting in the preparation of this number. Don't think we will let her go back to that island for some time.

Rev. S. A. Nesbit,my oldest brother is better than last year. Has retired from his many years as a Christian Minister and lives now in Richmond, California. His wife underwent an operation for tumor in San Francisco and is at last accounts, quite herself again. Their only daughter Mary Carolyn was married Aug. 5th.,1936 to Thomas Stephen Hafey. They are at home at 2226 California St. Berkely,California. We wish them every success and happiness.

The usual supply of choice nuts and fruit from brother Edward and his good wife and a box of maple sugar from Mrs. Ethel Dobson and her nice family were received and are being enjoyed. Thanks.

Dr. R. M. Nesbit is expecting to soon have the manuscript completed for a book to be published early next year, on his speciality- urology - He is connected with Michigan University. His family is fine. Thanks Mabel for a nice tie and a fine fruit cake and all the other things.

Otis Emery Cartmell, of Stoutsville, Mo. who lives on the old farm with his mother who is eighty-two and at last accounts was spry and active both mentally and physically, wrote me a good letter. He sent a clipping about Mrs. A.J. Burk, Kirksville, Mo. treasurer of the Missouri Daughters of the American Revolution wanting information about the graves of soldiers of the war of 1812. The society is marking such graves. She wanted the location of Robert Nesbit's grave. Charles E. Nesbit is the only member of this family who has taken any interest in family history and at last accounts he had not yet located Robert's resting place. Robert was a large land owner and probably died in Lewis County, Missouri. If C. E. gets at it again he will probably complete (up) this family history. He gets no help from members of the family better able financially to do this.

I sent Mrs. Burk, Samuel Nisbet's war record and if any of my family want the same I can supply it. He was my grandfather. Robert was his brother John and James of that family are listed as 1812 soldiers but I know of no record for Robert.

Alice, Allegra, Ella Vincent and I went down to Purdue University last August for a day off and to see the experimental houses. We had a dinner with Prof. Basal Montgomery and his good wife. They have a fine home and a nice baby. He is very widely known as an Entemologist and with continued good health will bring added fame for himself and the Nisbet family. He belongs to the Posey county crowd. Mr. Luthur Thomas was in charge of the houses, gave me his father's address and I called on him at Monon, Indiana on our way home. He gave me Mrs. Wingert's address.

Mrs. Dorothy Young; wife of Rev. L. D. Young of Dallas, Texas died Nov. 22, 1936. She had suffered for two years of a heart affliction. She was a marvelous minister's wife and a fine help-

mate. She was a member of Leon's Congregation when he was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Charleston, Indiana. This was in his early days of his service as a minister and she was very helpful and devoted to him and to their work, at Washington, Iowa, Beatrice and Lincoln, Nebraska, Abbey Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas. Leon was vice Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of America recently and is recognized as one of the most devout and influential preachers in this country. We share his sorrow.

Clarence Ruby Nesbit, 5738 Worth St. Dallas, Texas sent me a very nice letter. Thanks. I replied and asked some questions to which he has not replied. What has become of your Aunt Mrs. Annie Matthews? I have not heard from her for some time. She sent me a lot of interesting data.

Mrs. May Hardy of Kansas City, Mo. sent me some data on the Heriam Nisbet family. She listed as son of Hiram's as Hiram Lee, born March 23, 1857 with no other notes. A postal card from Rev. George Needham, South Pueblo, Colorado, Feb. 9, 1883 to my father Samuel Nesbit at Leona Kansas, was sent to me by my sister Nancy this year. It says "Your Newphew Hiram Lee Nesbit is very low at St. Mary's Hospital. He sent for me yesterday. I received him into the M. E. Church South and baptized him and dispatched to J. H. Matthews for $50.00 to pay his bills and send him home in a sleeper. He thinks he can get there. The doctor thinks he cannot live more than ten days. He wants to see his old friends once more and desires to be buried with his people. We hope to send him today if the money comes" This might indicate that he died in 1883.

What new material have you found,May? Can't you find a picture of Hiram Nesbit? Who has one? I want one. Would like to hear from your aunt Anna Mathews again.

Charles E. Nesbit is teaching again. He was at Deepwater, Mo. this year.

Irene Watson, Monroe City, Mo., a grand daughter of Cousin Virginia Kennett, graduated from High School May 15, 1936. Thanks for invitation.

Joseph Stewart Reister of Lexington, Ky., was married to Miss Alice Genevieve Daugherty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Daugherty of Floral Park, New York, Aug. 29th 1936.

Joseph is the son of Joseph and Willie Reister of Lexington, Ky., Willie is a descendant of William Nisbet son of Samuel of Harrison County, Ky. Congratulations Joseph.

NEWSY LETTERS FROM MABEL MCLAUGHLIN

Henderson, Kentucky, 423 North Main St.

Dear Cousin Otis: June 26, 1936

I hope a letter from me after such a long silence will not be too much of a shock, but I have been engaged in the serious occupation of knitting. I made Mother a black sweater and thought it would be suitable for cool summer evenings. But if cousin Alice starts "fur coat" talk, just suggest that she knit her a sweater. So I got some lighter weight yarn and have been hard at work making her a sweater in one of the new violet shades. It has now reached the point where it is too bulky to carry with me to the office on the afternoons I keep shop alone- so with clear conscience I can write you.

We enjoyed cousin Alice's newsy letter received this spring, very much indeed, and are glad to know Beatrice and Judith are well. It is splendid that Allegra has the opportunity to continue her college work - I know she is enjoying it.

And have I enjoyed all your family history! You have a great deal more of the Nesbit energy than I have - maybe due to the spelling - for look at Neva Newman.

There is very little news I can add at this time, but I'll try to give you the few bits I have. A letter, no it was a postcard, from Cousin Sarah Ann Reel and Edith Benn received the first of June stated that the heat was too much for Cousin Sarah and that they were leaving immediately for cooler places. So I don't know where they are now. Mother is so susceptible to colds that I feared the winter would be too much for Cousin Sarah, but did not expect our June weather to get the best of her. Of course when the weather gets extremely hot, it is quite hard on mother.

I think that I told you that Cousin Kate Gwaltney had passed away. She was the one who owned the chest of drawers, or bureau I think she called it, that Great Grandfather James Nisbet made. I think you'll recall her - she was one of the few who would take the floor and talk at the reunions. Another regular attendant, Cousin Ed. Montgomery, Basil's father has passed away. We found him a mighty likable man.

Virginia Nesbit, Ruth's sister, completed High School this fall. I was talking to Fred Fisher, Flora's son, last Sunday, and he was regretting that Ruth had not undertaken some work. Fred was in school with Ruth, and says she has a wonderfully bright mind. Ruth wanted to continue her education very much. I suggested a government examination but it seems that some of us (me included) are so much home-bodies it is hard to up-root us.

Fred is here with an orchestra playing at our "leading" night club. I say "leading" for it is so much higher type than any of the rest around here. The orchestra is made up of boys from the Normal at Terre Haute, and they are all registered for Indiana University next year, where they will play to help with their expenses. Fred Took dinner with us Sunday and spent the afternoon. It would have done you good to see how interested he was and how much he enjoyed reading about the Family. He tells us he has sufficient credits to teach chemistry, but he wants to complete his college work at the University next year before going to work. He then plans to teach a year and go to school a year and so on until he has completed his medical course. He has just had his 21st birthday, and as he has stuck it out for three years at Normal, waiting tables, clerking in Ten Cent Stores, etc. he may hold to his present plan, and as he has escaped one "near-matrimony", it may work out. When he finished High School he was very much in love with a little Cynthiana girl, and she with him, and for a while Floral thought he would marry instead of continuing his education, as she was urging. Finally she wrote me "love for Mother won", and will you believe it, when I asked Fred Sunday what had become of the girl he scarcely remembered her. She is married, and from all I heard about it I now believe she was not so much in love with Fred as with the idea of being one of the first girls in her crowd to marry. I think Floral is planning to be in Henderson next Sunday and visit us and have Fred with her.

Edith and Jim Kilroy drove over and spent the evening with us on the 12th. Cousin Mec did not come as they were all going to Vincennes on the following Sunday, and they feared two trips too close together would be too much for her. They are not Nisbets, but you'll remember them I think.

Mother received a card on her birthday from Uncle Will and Aunt Mary Ann Endicott, and I hear they are getting along all right.

One of the D A R ladies called Lib early one morning to tell her that Mrs. Ruby Lafoon had become a Daughter on the record of James Nisbet, and was much disappointed when she learned that Mrs. Lafoon's and our line don't quite connect. Did I ever tell you that Believe It or Not Ripley published the picture of a Sir Willoughby Nesbit with an account of his many accidents and the fact that he lived to be an old man and died in bed. Among the accidents was "had his chin cut off" and that is the nearest I have ever come to a chinless Nesbit - no, it was not Willoughby Nesbit, but the other way around Sir Nesbit Willoughby, and he was an English naval officer.

Dr. D. M. Short is now resident physician at Boehne Tuberculosis Hospital at Evansville, Indiana

I hear that Cousin Kate Gwaltney had $800 sewed to her corset when she died. You know they were badly hit by the bank crashes and she had told her family that if anything happened to her they were not to destroy any of her clothing without a thorough examination.

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November 21, 1936

Dear Cousin Otis:

Lib and I were in Evansville Thursday and saw Ethel Nesbit, Clarences wife, over there shopping. Calrence was over too, but we did not get to see him.

The Huffmans, Emma, Dora, Carrie and Walter drove over and spent the afternoon with us one Sunday about three weeks ago. They all look well,

I mailed you a Cynthiana Argus following the Reunion, so I suppose you know they have changed the place of meeting to Princeton for next year. I don't think the Nesbits were very well pleased with the last one - too many Endicotts for them. This was only natural, as Great-grandfather Endicott had 82 grandchildren at the time of his death, and so many, many of the Nisbet line died young.

Ruth Nesbit has been working in Mount Vernon some during the summer, under the Government's wheat Control Program. I have tried to talk her into taking a Government examination for clerical work, but haven't had much success. Wish I had during the War, and I believe it would be a good thing for Ruth. Virginia, who finished High School in June, wants to enter nurses training, but is too young as yet for the hospital of her choice. Charles has re-enlisted in the Army, and the last I heard was stationed in West Virginia. He has a son, Jerry Richard, born July 19th. Ruth writes he is a fine baby, and he and his mother are with the mother's parents in Poseyville. Some rather censure Charles for re-enlisting, but I think he tried hard to get work, and at least in that way he is able to support his family. He was a railroader you know and was what they call "rolled" just a day or so after his marriage. I suppose you know that if a man has been in service longer than another and wants his job he can make an application for it, and that other man is "rolled". Joe Showers married during the spring or summer - a Miss Beshears,

a ministers daughter. Neva is hoping to have a little daughter in her home during December. The boys are delighted. Neva has had several stork showers given her by her various clubs and the boys take great pleasure in the gifts, but can't believe the garments will be large enough. She writes they are being a wonderful help to her. Flora's Fred has gone back to Terre Haute - this will be his last year there, and Flora is working her head off with the restaurant.

Mother's only living nephew, Edward Rickard of Pueblo, spent the week end with her during September. Of course she enjoyed that very much. We have been taking her to a picture show or two. Lib is busy as can be looking after the house and her work. What do you think of her boss signing Denhart's bond for $25,000? Rather brave I think, but they say Dr. McCormack and Denhart had been boyhood friends.

Do you hear anything from Cousin Sarah Reel? I have not heard for a long time, and neither have the Huffmans.

Let us hear from you when you have time and be sure and tell us about Judith.

With love to you, Cousin Alice and Allegra.

Valporaiso, Indiana
December 26, 1936

Dear Sir:

I am trying to trace my ancestors back to the American Revolution and I understand that you have data regarding the Nesbits'. I am the grand daughter of Cyrus Nesbit, late of Grant Co., Ind., near Swayzee. I can not trace the Nesbits' back further than my grand father who was born about 1840. I will appreciate any information you can give me as I am tracing this line for the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Very sincerely,
Mrs. Ernest Erler

Have a supply of recent picture post cards of Nisbet House at 10¢ each and of the 8X10 inch photograph of the old pen drawing - each $1.00. All have been pleased with it.

THE WISE CHANGETH - THE FOOL NEVER

It was our intention to send out thirty six pages in this edition. Cant get get it finished without working at it all week. This we can not do. We have the stencils cut. Will mail it out in three editions. Many would not have time to read all if sent at one time. You may not like this one and will not want the others. Address your requests to

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FROM A DISTINGUISHED ENGLISHMAN

To my American Kinsmen, and To the Nisbets who live overseas--no matter how the name be spelt

At the kind invitation of some of your number I am happy to send a message of good greetings to all those who are linked with the name of Nisbet of that Ilk, one of the oldest of Scottish Border families whose roots go back into the early ages of Scotland's history. Some of you will have visited Scotland. Others, no doubt, with Scottish blood in your veins will be well versed in the romantic legends and stirring history of that beloved country, which more than any other has sent her sons out into every corner of the world for, as one has said, "The Scots are the wanderers of the earth, they go about forming links". Wanderers, yes, but with a love for their native land which is strong and undying. And what a land! Beautiful landscapes, glorious vistas, gorgeous scenery there may be in every country of the globe; yet can anything quite match that strange alluring charm of Scotia, or is it only a Scot who knows and feels the breath-taking beauty and loveliness of the land that to him is Home?

Wild and lonely, says the "foreigner," of the Highlands when he travels through the misty glens, gaunt mountains rearing in silence all round him, so that he listens the more to the gurgling of running water rippling down the mountain-side like a silver ribbon, tossing its diamond sparkles in the air; only the delicate primroses peeping out among last year's yellowed bracken to remind him of the homeliness of cottage gardens in the farther south.

And the Lowlands! Might they, too, not seem barren to one accustomed to the richer foliage, the luxuriant woods and picturesque villages in the warmer south? Yet there are many who love the rolling uplands and heather-sweet air of the Lammermuirs, the Eildons, St. Mary's Loch, or the more desolate Cheviot Hills with veils of drifting snow--and entrancing sight on a climb up Dirrington Great Law in the early days of spring.

Full well we know how much has been written and sung of the silvery windings of Tweed. Driving through the Border shires we glimpse it flowing past the ruins of Norham Castle and, higher up, through Coldstream. We cross it by Rennie's bridge at Kelso where

it meanders by the lawns of Floors Castle, seat of the Duke of Roxburghe, so close to the roadside that one can picnic on its banks; or again as we pass through Dryburgh and over the bridge on the high road to Selkirk where its swiftly running waters far beneath us are a favoured haunt of fishermen. A lovely, companionable river! We are glad to echo the praise of those who sing of "Bonnie Tweed". Indeed we would probably find ourselves in accord with the feelings of the great Border bard, Sir Walter Scott, as we take the river road from Galashiels to Melrose and pause at the very spot where on his journey home he asked the carriage to wait while he gazed for the last time on his favourite view--the banks of Tweed, burnished by the rich tones of copper beech and every autumn hue, the blue waters of the winding river, and, far off, his much-loved Eildon Hills.

This was the countryside to which I came when, by happy fortune, I found myself in the spring of 1935 the resident of Nisbet House, ancient home of my forefathers, the spot from which the first of the name became "of Nisbet"; or, as it is termed in the Royal Charters, "de eodem", in other words "of that Ilk."

I knew of the house, of course, and my family's connection with it from the yellowed pages of the diary of my great-grandfather, Samuel Nisbet, whose name by a slip was spelled "Nesbitt" in the government document appointing him Secretary of the Bahamas. He related in brief the history of the family, telling, amongst other things of Thomas, City Chamberlain and Merchant of York who married Isobel Cholmley with Plantagenet blood in her veins and was "descended from the family of Sir Philip Nisbet of that Ilk in Scotland".

Those of you who have seen the brochure describing the memorial I erected in 1934 to Alexander Nisbet the Herald in Greyfriars Church Edinburgh, will know something of the house which is illustrated there. Driving the fifteen miles from Berwick-on-Tweed, as I used to do after a night's journey from London, one catches a sight of Nisbet through the trees, just a glimpse of the grey walls of the West Tower, and then crossing the bridge over the Blackadder, a trout stream on the lands of Nisbet, the mansion is for a moment in full view before it is again lost to sight by the thick trees on the avenue. But as the car slips out from among the trees on to the wide gravelled path that leads to the door, the sight of the parks beyond the lawn stretching to the north and to the south, the great beech trees and oaks and sycamores in the walled garden to the east, and perhaps on a clear day the distant Cheviots--all these fill one with a sense of the spaciousness of it all, unexpected in a place so secluded.

It was with mixed feelings that I first crossed the threshold by the low door cut in one of the turrets. I was accompanied by the sheriff-depute of Berwickshire, a man deeply interested in Border lore who had lived all his life on the lands of Nisbet and his father before him. To him Nisbet meant a great deal and knowing as he did every bit of its past history, he sympathised with the spirit of the occasion. We had entered on ground level. The spiral staircase built in the square tower on the north front led up to the first floor and a long corridor brought us to the dining-room, with a small gun-room leading off it; from which by a balcony

and a few stone steps one could reach the Ladies' Garden, a walled triangle of lawn and rose-beds, the pleasantest spot on a mid-summer's day.

It was nearly three hundred years since a Nisbet had lived in that house. The prospect of a long stay in the old home seemed infinitly worth while. I looked forward to roaming through the corridors, turrets and towers of the old mansion, making discoveries and seeking the underground passage which legend said had been used as a means of escape in the days of Border battles. I was determined to search the tombstones of the burial vault where the stone bearing the arms of Sir Alexander Nisbet reposed. I would find the little church in the village of Swinton, a few miles across the fields, birthplace of Katherine Swinton who had married Sir Alexander and helped him to build this castle which to them was home. I would go to Edrom, where later Nisbets worshipped, and see the stables in the churchyard, each bearing the name-plate of the neighbouring families of Wedderburn, Kimmerghame, Nisbet and Swinton.

But I must no longer indulge in reminiscences. I feel sure that some of you will already know much about Nisbet House from dear old Doctor Nesbitt whom my wife and I were happy to have on a visit. He was so thrilled about it all that I believe he wrote fully to his American friends giving an account of his stay.

For others, who may not have seen the little booklet describing Nisbet, I quote the following:

"The House--originally called Nisbet Castle, in some documents Nisbet House and in one the Place of Nisbet--is situate on the lands of Nisbet, two miles south of Duns, the county town of Berwickshire. The entrance gate is on the road which leads to the River Tweed and the Border, ten miles distant.

It was built during the reign of Charles I by Sir Alexander Nisbet of that Ilk with the aid of his wife Dame Katherine Swinton on the foundations of the old Castle of Nisbet which had stood there for many centuries.

It is a fine characteristic specimen of the picturesque style of castellated architecture which prevailed in Scotland during the seventeenth century, and is in a state of complete preservation. Signs of defence are visible in the numerous shot-holes, and the burn that curves across the park is evidence of the moat which at one time surrounded the castle.

In 1774 the arrangements of the castle were remodelled and a square tower was added at the western end. An entrance door was provided on the south side, which is now the front of the house. A full description is given by MacGibbon and Ross in their authoritative work The Castellated and Domestic Architecture of Scotland. In a more recent book, The Fortalices and Early Mansions of Southern Scotland, 1400-1650, by Nigel G. Tranter, F.S.A., published 1935, there is a small sketch and account of Nisbet House.

Sir Alexander Nisbet was the eldest son of Sir Philip Nisbet who married in 1582 Elizabeth Haldane, daughter of John Haldane of Gleneagles, Perthshire, where Brodrick Chinnery-Haldane is to-day

the present laird. According to Nisbet's Heraldry, Sir Alexander 'was most signally conspicuous for his bright parts and dutiful loyalty to his Sovereign King Charles,' and, in his own words, 'suffered most sadly both in his person and estate to the utter ruine and undoing of himself, family and children.'

With the defeat of the Royalist cause, the lands of Nisbet were lost to the family and though, after years of exile, Sir Alexander in 1660 petitioned King Charles II for restoration of his estate, it finally passed into other hands.

The stone bearing the Nisbet arms, placed over the entrance by Sir Alexander, though removed from its position, still reposes in a good state of preservation in the burial vault adjoining the house."

All these long years since 1660 no Nisbet had lived within the walls of the old castle but now at last a lineal descendant of Sir Philip--eighth in the direct line--was again to occupy it. Using the language of the Lord Lyon King of Arms who wrote to me just before I arrived at Nisbet, "it must be with a thrill of pride you will walk across the threshold and take possession of your ancient home". I say it was indeed a thrill to achieve the realisation of a dream and a hope that had long been with me. It was marvellous.

My message to each of you is one of goodwill and happiness during the years that are to come. May the tie long continue which binds all, however remotely connected to the ancient family of Nisbet of that Ilk.

New Club,
Edinburgh

December, 1936

Robt. C. Nesbitt

Folio No. 87
(a prose-poem)

W O O D S M O K E!

W H Y ?

(An appreciation to Dr. O. B.Nesbit, by Alfred Berry Endicott- one of the Nisbets of Indiana.....Claremont, California, April, 1935)

Some things lie within - some, beyond my ken;
Of each I have tried to draw a picture with my pen.
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W O O D S M O K E!

The delicious odor of it floats in to me upon the air..... coming from .. I know not where.

Lying here upon my bed .. ill .. I, thru my window, have but a circumscribed view .. always much the same, yet ever new.

Eh! maybe it is, you'd like to see it to!

Close by, a brilliant starry Poinsettia nods to me thru the window panes(tho''tis California's Christmas flower, it still with me remains.) Grouped near-by are so many things .. a Flowering Quince gleams pink-red .. beside it a Golden Poppy lifts its head .. Cotoneasters, with their orange berries for the birds .. Coreopsis, its petals shining like molten gold .. Roses too, deep red and gorgeous pink .. Incense Cedars, dark-green (transplanted, when they were tiny little trees, from six thousand feet up the mountain side, by me) stand nigh .. above them the Sycamores lift their heads high. Orange, lemon, Lime, Apricot and Plum trees stand within my sight. Guavos, too, Cypress hedge, a Palm, Pines and a gigantic Deodar (its highermost tip seems reaching for a star), while far out beyond, last but not least of all, I see, in delicate tracery across the sky, the outflung branches of an Eucalypti.

WOOD SMOKE!

The delicious odor of it floats in to me upon the air.. coming from .. out there somewhere. Then it is, I see it.. a slender shaft weaving its upward way, from out this Sylvan scene, then coming drifting in to me, here, where I must stay.

Strangely enough, tho' all this beauty lies before my eyes.. its loveliness enhanced by grey-blue skies.. tho' the fragrance of the flowers, shrubs and trees, mixed with the smell of burning wood, comes in on the breeze, it is the sight of that shaft of smoke that far, far different things makes me see.. that sends me into a deep reverie .. like as a shutter it hides the here and now .. wafts me back thru time and space, to other years, their setting, another place.

BECAUSE, perhaps, where smoke is there must be fire, that which I first see is a fireplace in a wall, deep-throated beneath a chimney great and tall .. in it, an immense log lies at the

back, while lesser ones on the andirons are piled high, from out of which the juices sizzle and fry. Outside, wintry winds are blowing hard .. I hear the moanings of the barren limbs of copper-beech and ash .. it seems they must and will crash. At that, about those trees I seem not much concerned, for, comfortably seated in an old, old chair, I am more interested in what is to be seen before me there .. a massive pile .. a great house, hoary with age, stands outlined within the roaring fire .. familiar to me it appears to be ... 'tis NISBET House in Berwickshire! Rising high are its minarets and towers .. square and round, grey and dark, except when illumined by a brilliant spark. I see it as tho' I were looking on it from without .. yet, it is within it, I'm sitting there alone .. there in that great house of stone. In the firelight's glow I see Escutcheons, covered with armorial bearings, displayed upon the walls .. portraits of famed men and fair ladies are hanging thruout the halls.

Then it is, I hear voices .. clanking of armor .. footsteps.. know that members of the 'Clan' are coming in from off the Moor.. some by way of a secret passage .. others are entering thru the great door. No longer am I there alone .. MY people encompass me about, like a cloud .. never before have I looked upon a group of folks of whom I felt so proud. Strong men they are .. they, who come in and gather around that hearth .. men, they are, who do honor to the land and place that gave them birth. From behind me, adown the winding stairs within the towers, come the mothers, wives, daughters, sisters and sweethearts of those men to voice loving welcome to they who had come back from out the bog and fen. Some will not have come back .. they who had fallen in the wars, or had suffered death because of their faith .. yet, yet they seem to be there .. but maybe it is, after all, what of them I see is only their wraith. Confused, I wonder .. is any of this real .. are these MY people real, or are they only the Ghosts of those, who in by-gone centuries walked amidst the Scottish heather .. thru Victory or defeat .. thru fair or stormy weather!!

WOOD SMOKE!

The delicious odor of it .. taking me on a journey into the past .. painting for me a picture that will forever last.. but why!!

True it is, that upon my wall there hangs an etching of that old Ancestral Hall, Nisbet house .. true too, that stories about it rest within my conscious mind.. likewise true , from these things I might some reaction, like as the above, find, but WOOD SMOKE .. just a slender shaft of it weaving its upward way toward the sky .. why, because of IT should ghosts walk the earth like men .. why should time and distance pass away, and I all this feel, and see, and hear, while I am lying here ... WHY??

All this is beyond my ken and as this narrative flows from my pen .. I'm wondering, still wondering, WHY??

ONE of the Nisbets of Indiana.

LETTERS FROM A GOOD NISBETOLOGIST
215 N. Prince Street. Princeton, Ind.

Dear Relative:

We want to thank you for the beautiful "Nesbit Tie" in plaid that you sent me. It is very pretty and I am glad to have it and Nesbit was pleased to receive a piece of the cloth. Please excuse my delay in sending my thanks as I have been very busy and was called to Peoria, Ill. to perform a marriage ceremony for the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Smith whom I married June 15, 1935. Think the daughter, a beautiful and an accomplished young woman, thought I did such a good job on the parents, she wanted me to do the same for her and I hope it may turn out that way. Her husband is with the Western Electric, Chicago and they are to make their home there.

Mrs. Nesbit and I have read with great interest " Your Nesbit Family Letter" Thanks for sending it to us. I am sure that Mrs. Galen C. Hartman, Bellefield Dwellings, 4400 Center Ave., Pitsburgh, Pa. writer of the Nesbit, Taggart, Porter and Ross Families of Pa. would be pleased to receive a copy. When I took dinner with her and her husband Nov. 12th. she expressed the desire to get a communication with you. She is a Nesbit descendant.

Our daughter Esther was home for the holiday vacation and her mother gave her a 1936 Dodge Coupe for a Christmas present which she drove back to her school at Hartford City, Indiana. She has been walking between six and seven miles two days in the week beside being on her feet and going up and down stairs to teach her classes in the High School and Grade buildings; so she needed a car badly. She had an operation for Apendecitis June 8th. during the vacation; but came out of it nicely. She is on her 5th year as a supervisor of Music and so is afraid she may not be re-employed as her school board has been dropping teachers after five years to prevent their becoming "Tenure Teachers", If you should learn of a school wishing a musical supervisor she would be pleased to apply and she can furnish the best of recommendations.

Leonard has a very heavy practice at Anderson, Indiana, really more than he ought to do. He drove down here the first of November for a few days rest and turned over his eye, ear, nose and throat patients to the two other ENT men in the city for a week.

Preston started to practice general medicine at Arlington, Texas the middle of last August; but he is having it rather hard to get started; is gaining some each month.

With kindest regards and best wishes for the New Year I am,

Very Cordially Yours,
John Pratt Nesbit

February 12, 1936.

Dear Cousin Otis:

Your letter of January 18th. received and I want to thank you for offering in any way you can to help my daughter get a position as Music Supervisor in case she is let out at Hartford City, Ind. because of the "Tenure Law". Had a letter from her stated she expected to learn her fate soon and if she was not accepted as a tenure she would write to Mr. M. E. Snyder, Director of Music in Gary. I rather fear she is hoping against hope as the policy of the Hartford City Board has been to drop a teacher no matter how good rather than let them become tenures. She has worked hard for the music in the schools there; planned her work

well and has insisted on the teachers giving the lessons she assigned so that practically all the pupils above the sixth grade can read music; she has the credit of improving the music in the Sunday schools and the churches and she is popular with children and the patrons.

When returning from Anderson last September we called on Miss Mary Nesbit at Allisonville; had a very pleasant visit with her. She said she had a cousin living in Borbon County, Kentucky, that had looked up records on her family but I have not gotten in touch with her to ask for her records or a copy of them rather. The only record I have ever found out about them is this--"That on Aug. 20, 1798 William Nesbit of Borbon Co. Ky. sold a farm to John Mears in Huntington Twp., Westmoreland Co. Pa." Record Vol. 4. page 88, Grantee Book of Westmoreland Co. This seems to indicate that Wm. Nesbet, possibly the father of the names you mention, William, Jeremiah, Samuel, Thomas, Nathan and Robert but this is only conjecture. It would seem to indicate that Wm. Nesbet had moved from Westmoreland Co. Pa. to Borboun Co. Ky. and later sold his farm in Westmoreland Co. Just as my Grandfather John Nesbit and great-grandfather, Wm. Nisbet sold their farms in Fairfield Twp. Westmoreland Co. Pa. after moving to Summit Co. Ohio as the records at Greensburgh Pa. show.

On Oct. 28, 1933 I received a letter from Attorney A. G. Nesbit, Henry W. Oliver Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa. sending me a copy of a letter written 70 years ago by Robert Nesbitt who was at the time of writing 75 years old giving what he knew about the Nesbit Family in the U. S. I made several copies and I think I sent you; but only have one left, Robert speaks of the families coming from Scotland and north Ireland, says one branch settled in Washington Co. Maryland, some of whom came to Hagerstown and that Johnathan was a member of the Legislature. He says his family settled in Westmoreland Co., Pa. His father's name was James and his brothers were John , Johnathan, Nathaniel and Allen. These names run thru the family until we lose all knowledge of their relationships". I saw the records of land bought and sold in Westmoreland Co. Pa. at Greensburg by John Nesbitt 1796, James Nesbitt 1796, John Nesbit 1818, Nathaniel Nesbit 1818. JohnNoble Nesbit 1829 and Wm. Nesbit, Borbon Co. 1798. There seems to have been three different families of Nesbit who settled in Westmoreland Co. Pa. in different twps. but possibly all were related. I think my Great-grandfather came there to get a grant of land as a soldier in the Revolution.

I have a very interesting letter from Mrs. Blanche Hartman connecting the Nesbits with the royal family of Scotland who descended from Sir Alexander Nisbet I would loan you if you cared to see it and make a copy.

When I was a boy of seven I had a school teacher by the name of John Berry, he was lame in one limb, it was a country school near Bloomington, Indiana. He gave me a little book at the close of school I still have but I was not always in his favor. I remember his giving me the only whipping I ever received in school for not coming back in school as promptly as I should when he had excused me. He had a rod over the black board and before whipping me he said "Johnny I will have to give you a little beech tea." So he led me up in front of the scholars and began to apply it to my legs. I danced around and cried like he was killing me, so only got a half dozen or so strokes around my legs.

John Pratt - February 12, 1936 (continued)

I knew there was a Nesbit from Illinois who was a member of congress a few years ago; think he was a labor leader, but I did not know there was a Nesbit in the White House. Hon. Scott Nesbit who belong to our family was Assistant U. S. Treasurer Under president Cleveland: he is now deceased, I called on him at Cairo Hotel Washington D. C. while he was living; he was a gracious and fine man. He had a cousin who was a noted insurance man and planed the insurance system used by the U. S. government during the World War. His name was Charles F. Nesbit, he lived and died in Washington where his father, a lawyer ran, a Real Estate Agency became wealthy. I have a copy of a book Charles wrote on his branch of the Nesbit Family and I believe you have one and if not I think you could get one from his son Frank Nesbit, an attorney in Washington D. D. A year ago Frank went to Scotland and visited Berwickshire.

My wife took a severe cold three or four weeks ago and has had a severe cough which is some better; but bothers her when she gets up in the morning. Our little grand-daughter, Miriam, Leonard's only child has been quite sick with tonsilitis but is better, Aloria Leonard's wife had a bad cold; rest all well. Leonard is very busy and Preston's practice has picked up considerably in December and January. He is at Arlington Texas.

I had only four funerals in 1935 and only one of those in my congregation; but I have had five since first of the year and another tomorrow afternoon with three of the six members; three of the funerals last week, Two years ago I had thirteen deaths in the congregation, the most in my fourteen years as pastor here.

Give my kindest regards to your wife and daughter. I called on the relative Mrs. Been and daughter a few days ago. Although 98 years old she seems to be quite well but she did not enjoy the cold weather. As soon as weather gets warmer they expect to go to Cynthiana for awhile and she would like to go back to Kentucky before returning to California.

Very cordially yours,
John Pratt Nesbit

June 2, 1936

Dear Cousin Otis:

Started a letter to you several days ago; but failed to get it written. Have been very busy as we have had a great deal of sickness in the congregation; meetings to attend, presbytery and now Vacation Bible School and four Bible Studies for the Young Peoples Presbyterial to prepare.

Esther got home from Hartford City, Indiana last Friday. The board there gave her a raise and employed her for another year, making her a tenure teacher; so she does not have to look for a school. The Music Supervisor of our Princeton School was married the first of May and this leaves this place open. We hear they have fifteen applications; but Esther is not one of them. She plans to attend summer school and start working for her masters Degree.

Mrs. Nesbit attended the General Woman's Missionary Convention at St. Louis May 22nd. to 26th. and then came down to Sparta, Ill. my former charge. I drove over for her and we had a nice visit with former friends and got home last Friday before Esther arrived.

Leonard, wife and baby came down Saturday afternoon; but had to return to Anderson Sabbath afternoon as he had an operation

John Pratt Nesbit (continued) June 2, 1936.
Monday morning. He is kept very busy although there are two other eye, ear, nose and throat men in Anderson. He is taking care of most of the cases that used to go to Indianapolis.

Preston did very well at Arlington Texas from December to April; but since May his practice has been light; but he likes it very much and has been urging us to come to Dallas for the Texas Centenial; he is only 18 miles beyond Dallas.

I enjoyed the letter from Mrs. Ethel Nesbit Dobson and think it would be fine if you could spend part of the summer vacation on the Ottawa River; but this would be out of the question for me that last two weeks of August when she suggests it is open if we go to Arlington Texas as Preston desires so earnestly.

Will copy what she has written about Linda Nesbitt and Louis Marino Nesbit as I wish to preserve it.

Should you be coming to the reunion at Cynthiana next August we would like to have you spend a night with us.

I wrote a letter today to a Professor Russel Nelson of Saint James School, near McConnelsburgh, Pa. He is a descendent of Thomas Nisbet one of the five brothers who came to "Penn Land" in 1728; He was also related to Francis Nesbit Family. Francis was a brother of my great-grandfather, Wm Nisbet at whose grave the government placeed a stone one year ago as a soldier of the Revolution.

Give my kindest regards to your good wife and daughters; Mrs. Nesbit and Esther are attending a missionary meeting at the church tonight; but I am sure they wish to be remembered to you. Esther wants me to thank you for the interest you showed toward getting her a position.

Your loving cousin,
John Pratt Nesbit

POSEY COUNTY NISBET-ENDICOTT REUNION
Cynthiana, Indiana
Sept. 8th, 1936

My dear Dr. Nesbit:

We were very sorry that you could not be withus last Sunday. There were several Endicotts but very few Nesbits, only local clansmen, anyway the day was ideal for it and there was about 150 of us together. I have sent for an item about the affair to the Argus and have asked them to mail you a copy, thinking that you would like to look the names of those that attended over.

Many asked about you during the day and I read your letter to them. We will look for you down this coming year.

Give my regards to Otto Riesing the next time you see him, remember us to your family.

The Nisbet-Endicott Reunion is to be held at Princeton, Indiana the 2nd. Sunday before Labor Day next fall, Sept. 5. Any Nisbet or Endicott descendants are invited.

With best wishes,
Ivan W. Blase.
Secretary

John Nesbitt Family

9129 Jones Mill Road,
Chevy Chase,
Montgomery County,
Maryland
August 13, 1936

My Dear Dr. Nesbit:

I received the very interesting data concerning the Nesbit-t family which you forwarded to me early last year, and fully intended to write you sooner, but kept putting the matter off.

My name is John Nesbitt; I was born in the District of Columbia, near the City of Washington, and am a citizen of Maryland.

My father, Henry Nesbitt, was born in Washington, D. C. in the year 1871; he died in 1924.

My grandfather, John Nesbitt (one of a family of six boys and six girls), was born in County Roscommon, Ireland, about 1847; he came to America during the Civil War and enlisted as a trooper in Company K, fifth Cavalry, United States Army; he died in 1931.

My great-grandfather, whose Christian name I do not know (and who may have spelled his name with one "t") was born in Scotland about 1800 or shortly thereafter, and emigrated to Ireland, where he settled in Roscommon and kept an inn. I remember hearing that several of his brothers emigrated to America and settled in the Mississippi Valley. One of them entered the shipbuilding business in New Orleans, I believe, and I remember hearing that upon his death my grandfather, John Nesbitt, shared in his estate.

I read over a small volume in the Library of Congress recently by one Alexander Nesbitt, which deals with the history of the Nesbit-t family in Ireland, but could not connect it up.

In this connection, I picked up a copy of "Letters of Mary Nisbet", by Nisbet Hamilton Grant, at a bookstall sometime ago. I note that the shield on the cover is apparently the same as that described by Alexander Nesbitt--three boars' heads sable on a field argent.

I am enclosing a letter, written more than forty years ago, which I ran across sometime ago and which you may have if you desire. The Mr. Elkins referred to is the late United States Senator from West Virginia, and the letter was written to my grandfather by Jesse R. Grant, son of President Grant.

I feel keenly interested in the work which you are doing to preserve the records and traditions of the Nesbit-t clan, and wish you much success.

I am also enclosing a money order for one dollar for a copy of "Nisbet House". I shall appreciate it if you will send it to me at Room 26, Court of Appeals Building, Fifth & E. Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C.

If I can be of any assistance to you in your very commendable work, please let me know.

Respectfully,
John Nesbitt

(Thanks for list of names. O. B. N.)

THE WINDSOR
New York

October 26th.,1892

My dear Nesbitt:
I take pleasure in sending you the enclosed and hope if your son has not yet got the position he seeks it will aid you in securing it. I do not know who is head of the printing office but hope Mr. Elkins will give you such letters as will bring the business about. Your letter to me got mislaid and I have just found it in packing my trunk for an early departure to San Francisco.
If I can do anything more in this please write me addressing 306 Pine Street, San Francisco.

Yours truly,
Jesse R. Grant

To
Mr. John B. Nesbit, War Department
You had better present my letter with your letter to me to Mr. Elkins when he returns to Washington.
J. R. G.

Bellefield Dwellings
4400 Center
Pittsburgh, Pa.

September 17, 1936

Dear Dr. Nesbit:
It was my purpose today to send you the address of the Rev. Charles Nesbit or Nisbet of the Carolinas but I have mislaid it, perhaps you have his line and may not be interested for I learn from our good friend Dr. Nesbit of Princeton, Ind. that your hunt for the Nesbit has been wide and diligent.
In April of 1935and 1936, I visited while returning from the South a relative of my mother's of the great Smith clan.
My cousin for that is what I love to call her,has a sister called George Emma Smith (George is for her father), born March 24th, 1884 who married first, Osbern Bervard Nisbet of Eatonton, Georgia. I know nothing of his history but know he was a fine man. He died I believe from injuries or disease contacted in the World War,leaving one child christened Karen Brevard Nisbet who in honor of her father,adopted the name Brevard Nisbet.
I am enclosing her newspaper picture and her coat of arms both of which I ask you to kindly return to me.
I thought you would be able from the arms to tell what branch of the family she descended from. I am not familiar with this cut. The scales seem to point to the legal profession and I think Dr. John Nesbit told me you had once visited Nesbit House as the guest of a great legal light in London. Perhaps he would know what family bore these arms. I am no longer making any research in this line besides I look to you and Dr. John as the great unravellers of our family history.
I am at present working on the Smith line and quite accidentally ran into these facts.
Do you know anything of a Nathaniel and a John Nesbit who were members of the Welsh Run Church Pa. as early as 1774.
Some eight years ago one of the York County Nesbits sent me a newspaper clipping stating that the estate of Nathaniel Nesbit (or tt's) was about to be distributed by the courts of Baltimore

where he may have retired to late in life. You will notice the Welsh Run Church was in the neighborhood of the Maryland line.

The clipping stated that Nathaniel had left a sum of money in trust for perhaps Ninety-Nine years, at any rate it amounted to one million dollars at present. It seems a plumber made a claim but I never heard how the estate was distributed, perhaps it has never been, as it would be difficult to prove heirship at this late date. I returned the clipping at his request to the party who sent it saying I had not found the name Nathaniel anywhere in our family list.

The fact that it is associated with that of John Nesbit is an interesting fact that may be of value to you.

I can only work at intervals as I am the victim of diabetis and must take insulin twice a day. Two widely separated diagnosticians, one in Battle Creek and one in Washington discovered that I also has lymphatic leukemia, these together with a thyroid operation three years ago have slowed my tempo of life and the anemia taxes my strength to such a degree that I can only work at intervals. I ambitious to do anything I can to further the interests of our people but feel I must bring to a conclusion a few labors that particularly intrigue me.

I have in the hands of a typist now a collection of my verses which my husband insists upon publishing but I think not before spring. My sister in Florida sent me a newspaper feature written up by the poet laureate of Florida and when I confess to having lived almost seventy-four years you will understand I feel very happy at still being considered "news" by the press.

I am enclosing a few notes about the Welsh Run Church just to locate it for you and the photo of Miss Nesbit.

Wishing you every success in your work I am

Yours truly,

Blanche T. Hartman

The Welch Run Church

"The Welsh Run Church was near the Philip Davis Fort on the farm of Jacob Royer. It was the most southerly of the Pennsylvania Forts and older than Fort Louden and Fort McCord and follows close upon the building of McDowells Fort and Fort Steel.

It was designed to cover the southern chain of forts guarding the fords of the Potomac, Blair Valley, Duns Gap, Path Valley and other openings in the mountains near by.

Many of the settlers here were compelled to flee to other settlements for safety, (temporarily) The original log church was burned by the Indians in 1761.

A glebe of 100 acres was deeded by the Penns to Wm. Duffield and others in 1767 and the second meeting house was built in 1774.

This deed was given in trust for the Presbyterian Church at Conococheague, Peters twp., Cumberland County, Pa.(in 1767).

This second meeting house was built in 1774

Upper Conococheague is now Mercersburg Church and lower east Conococheague was the Greencastle Church.

To digress, you will see in my book under Carson that Judge Carson purchased and lived for years in the old Buchanan Mansion now the Mercersburg Hotel and another Carson was pastor at the Greencastle Church. My sister married into the Carson family and I attended one of their family reunions a few years ago held in the Mercersburg Hotel which has not been greatly changed since the

The Welch Run Church (continued)

days of the Carsons.

In 1744 a new church was built on three acres of land on the Robert Smith place, now commonly called "Kennedy's Meeting House".

The second meeting house was built in 1774. Among the names of the early settlers were the Davises, Duffields, Nathaniel Nesbit and John Nesbit, etc, etc.

The whole region from Welsh Run to Louden and St. Thomas was settled by 1738. The meeting house at Church Hill was placed in the center of this district and in that year,the church,the Hill Church or Upper West Conococheague was founded.

The Welsh were the first to come into the Welsh Run District but about 1741 the Scotch-Irish began to come and founded a church on the Elliott farm scarcely a mile north.

Its first pastor was the Rev. Mr. Dunlap from Scotland.

He was succeeded by the Rev. James Campbell in 1749.

I am sorry these notes are not in better form but this material was called to my attention by my hostess just as we were leaving for home and were very hastily taken but I hope you may be able to get something from them by interest and perhaps a clue.

Mrs. Riley had a little pamphlet gotten out for the anniversary of Welsh Run which leads me to wonder if there might not be a connection between the Nesbits and this settlement and the Nisbets of Georgia.

If I am fortunate enough to find the Rev. Charles Nesbits address I shall send it by postal card.

I shall be very glad to hear what progress you have made in the past year or two in the Nesbit pedigree.

The Rev. John Nesbit tells me I have the wrong coat of arms assigned to my branch. I am glad to have that correction.

It was given me by one of the research workers at our Carnegie Library and I did not question her knowledge. I am still a tyro in that line of work and always grateful for correction of errors.

We were invited to visit a nephew for one week at Macatewa Park, Michigan and I had hoped to go by way of Chicago and call upon you at Gary but our time was so limited we could not do it. If you ever come our way do come to see us but do let us know in advance as my husband takes me away very frequently and I would not like to miss you.

Very Sincerely yours,
Blanche T. Hartman

Hugh W. Nesbitt, manager of the Bank of Montreal at Montreal and an uncle are getting out a book on their family, Mrs. Dobson writes.

I hope to get some data on this family sometime.

Charles Nisbet, D. D., Dickenson College

Charles Nisbet came from Montrose, Scotland to Philadelphia and on to Carlisle, Pa. He had preached in Glasgow before going to Montrose. Born in Haddington, Scotland, Jan. 21, 1736 of parents able to give him no education beyond the local schools. When 19 he entered University of Edinburgh, grad. in 1754, then spent 6 years in the Divinity School. Made his way by tutoring. He went to Montrose as assistant to an aged encumbent and became pastor in 1773 upon the death of the pastor. He came to America 1785 and died at Carlisle and buried in the "Old Graveyard."

EPITAPH

"Sacred to the memory of Charles Nisbet, Doctor of Sacred Theology who by the unanimous invitation of the trustees of Dickinson College, that he might undertake the duties of Provost, emigrated from Scotland, his native country; came to Carlisle in the year of our Lord 1785 and there through nineteen years with the highest approbation discharged the office. A man, if such exists, of integrity and piety, in all learning most accomplished, of reading immense, memory faithful, in real acumen of wit, pleasantry and satire by universal acknowledgment, truly astonishing: but to no mortal offensive, except to those who under the cloak of philosophy, insult religion. But to his family and friends, for manners, sweet, being cheerful and social, beloved without a rival. He gently breathed out his life on the 17th. of Jan. 1804."

"He left 4 children. Tom, the oldest, was just reaching manhood in 1785, was dissipated, died shortly after his father without reformation, never married. The other son, Alexander, born in Scotland in 1777, grad. from Dickenson College in 1794, for many years a city judge in Baltimore and a railroad president. He erected the monument to his father. He had seven children. Three sons all died in early life; he, also, had four daughters. Charles Nisbet's dau. Mary, in 1790 mar. Wm. Turnbull of Pittsburgh, but later Baltimore. He a Scotchman. 9 children, 4 sons, 5 daughters, all living in 1840. Youngest dau. mar. Dr. McCosky of Carlisle, son became Right Rev. Samuel McCosky, the distinguished Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Mich. One dau. m. Rev. Erskin Mason, D.D. of N.Y. son of Pres. John M. Mason of the Dickenson College; another daughter m. Prof. Chas. D. Cleveland of D. College.--Dickenson College, 1783-1933 by James Henry Morgan.

Dr. Samuel Miller wrote biography of Dr. Chas. Nisbet. It was written 36 years after his death.

C. H. Thomas, 5422 College Ave. Indianapolis, Indiana wants help in locating progenators of Daniel Thomas who married Sarah Amos at Paris, Kentucky in 1801. He was born in 1778. He has the Amos line back to England.

LANCASTER COUNTY, PENN., RECORDS

Miss Barbara K. Maylan 455 South Shippen St., Lancaster, Pa. will send you the Index of the Will Books and Intestate Records of Lancaster County Penns, from 1729 to 1850. Price $2.00.

ONE OF THE PERU IND. NISBET FAMILY
January 7, 1936.

Dear Sir:

I received your latest budget on "Nesbitology" this morning and I think the word you have coined as a name for this work very appropriate. I also wish to heartily thank you for remembering me in spite of the fact that I never wrote in recognition of your last budget. I especially enjoyed the poem on the first page written by one of our clan. It so expresses sentiments of my own which I have found difficult to put into words.

I never cease to be thrilled as I read these budgets at the outstandingness of the Nisbets. They are certainly mentally alert. So many physicians, lawyers, teachers, ministers now I am finding poets and authors. I have always felt an unusual power stiring within my own conscience a depth of feeling and the ability to hold on even though the world about me seemed to be trying to strangle me that made me feel that there was a fine heritage within me. Now I believe I can understand and I am very happy and very proud of my ancestry.

Thanking you again and please remember me everytime. Love to the wife and I hope you will be in Peru at my next reunion. We hardly got acquainted last yer.

Your affectionatelly,
Estelle Ulrich
293 W. 3rd.

(Nesbitology was a name given us by Dr. Robert Nesbitt of England. O. B. N.)

MRS. EMMA LEE NISBET WHITE
324 Park Ave. Rock Hill. S. C.
Sends the following.

I. Alexander Nisbet (What Alexander ? O.B.N.)
II. Col. William Nisbet - Soldier, patriot and farmer-Served in the battle of Camden - Married Jemine Baker.
III. William Nisbet Jr.-born 1788 at Union county., S.C. died Sept 22, 1828.
IV. John Newton Nisbet. - Son of William Nisbet Jr. and Mary Douglas -born Sept 29, 1823-died July 19, 1899- Married Mary Jane Phifer.
V. Edward William Nisbet - Son of John Newton and Mary Jane Phifer. - Born Feb. 3,1859-died June 6, 1908
Married 1st. Lula Taylor Lee
2nd. Ida Alexander
VI. Emma Lee Nisbet White daughter of Edward William Nisbet and Lula Taylor Lee- born at Van Wyck, July 26, 1882, Married James Webb White, Rock Hill, S. C.
VII. Webb Nisbet White - son of Emma Lee Nisbet White and James Webb White born Rock Hill, S. C. Park Ave. May 24th, 1913.

April 22, 1936.

My dear Dr. Nesbit:

Judge Clyde Bruce Aitchison, a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission for 29 years, located at 1929 S. St. N. W. Washington, D.C., has his family history for the last 200 years.

I met the judge when he was in Chicago listening to arguments for and against the daylight savings time.

I called you the afternoon the judge was here, hoping that we three might be able to have dinner together. But I was not successful in being able to reach anyone at your home.

I believe the Ex Congressman of Illinois, Walter Nesbit, Belleville, Illirois, may also have some material.

I am happy to know that you have been corresponding with the Henry Nesbitt's of Washington.

I think I shall be able to obtain material from my father inlaw Col. Robert Nesbit of Campbellsville, Kentucky.

Also there is a Burgess Nesbitt, Vice Pres. Colliers Publishing, New York, N. Y. who I believe also has some interesting history material. If you have not received any news from him, I suggest that you write to him, for he certainly is quite a prominent individual. He said in a letter to me that he was most interested in the work you were doing. I sent him all the the Nesbitology that you sent me.

I am hoping to see the daughter in law of Wilbur D. Nesbitt, and hope to obtain her cooperation also.

Yours very truly,
Marjorie Nesbit M. D.

A. L. Nesbitt, 76, retired Waukegan, Wis. Music Merchant died May 6, 1936. Three daughters and one son survive- Chicago Tribune.

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington
January 16, 1936

My dear Dr. Nesbit:

Dr. Marjorie Nesbit sent me your "Nesbitology" a few days ago. We shall be very glad to read it at our first opportunity. I I was very sorry indeed that we did not answer your letters more promptly, but things are so fast and furious here that there are about fifty other similar letters that have not been replied to.

My husband's family came to this country from Ireland in '88, and there is a branch in the eastern part of Candda near Montreal who have the same great grandfathers. Then there is another branch out in Vancouver emanating from the same family, but we have not yet run across any of the Nesbitts that settled in Pennsylvania who belong to this branch of the Nesbitt family. Our Genealogy is packed up in Hyde Park so I am sorry to say I cannot give you any details other than the above.

Thanking you for your interest and kindness, I am

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Henrietta Nesbitt

Miss Brevard Nisbet of Ft. Myers, Fla. with an A.B. from Wellesly College, and M.A. from Mount Holyoke toured Europe last year, she was formally from Macon, Georgia, a daughter of O.B.Nisbet deceased. Her mother is Mrs. Roy Stubbs.

YOU CAN LOOK FOR US SOME DAY. THANKS
Canon City, Colorado, Jan. 7th, 1936

Dr. O. B. Nesbit:

Your Nesbitology and later card received.

Thank you very kindly for the Great Nesbitology.

I read it with much interest. (I think I surely must be "kin" to all that fine bunch of noted and useful clan.)

I note what your card says about you have "our number" that I sent to Miss McLaughlin. I think I recall hearing from her. I have no copy and so I may state some things here I did not send her. I read with interest about Dr. Robert Nesbit.

His early education was received in Ballybay (Ballibay) the way we spelled it at our Ballibay School house and Post Office Bradford County, Penn. Where my sister Margaret and my father were postmistress and Post Master. My father the first P. M.

But it was from Bally bay that my parents came. Settled in the woods in Penn.

I will briefly state relative to their names and coming.

My grandfather William Nesbit came first to Quicks Bend in Brad, Co. His sister had married one Gamble and had preceeded him. He there obtained work and saved sufficient funds to send for his Father Nathaniel and brother Nathaniel and his own wife and children who all came together to the new land in a sailing vessel. Taking weeks to make the voyage. My father was then seven years of age.

His father William Nesbit purchased a farm in the woods. Erected a log house in the Month of December he moved his family of three or four children in the new log house. Soon, before windows and doors were in place there was born a son David Nesbit. Blankets or quilts were put up covering the open spaces for a time.

They were three miles from Camptown a little town. I know not but I think no Dr. there. So often as you know the midwife attedned in such case. My grandfather and my father now a lad of perhaps 9 carried their belongings this distance of three miles taking a path thru the woods. They would carry a load till it bacame so heavy. Then putting it down would walk back, resting as they walked and return with another load. Grandfather had secured an ox team and sled that had drawn the belongings so far to the little town. Then only a path to the new home. When a boy I helped remove the stones from the old stone chimney that had fallen.

The farm seemed to be a center and the school district No. 1 was named Ballibay, in addition to the Nesbit family, and the Nathaniel Nesbit who came with my grandmother there were a number of families came from the north of Ireland and County Monaghan. Namely Erskine, Hillis, Hancy McPherson, Morrow, Graham, Boyd, Branyan and Mittens, Woods, McAllister, Stethers, Fee, Lee, Dauherty.

All protestants of the Covenanter Stock.

At one time a covenanter church was organized and carried on for some years. So our family was brought up on the shorter Catechism. Glad I was. (The other day I called on a man born in Canada who is a member of our Presbyterian Church. He is sick in bed with an incurable condition. Soon after I got in he said, "Nesbit have you a catechism in your pocket?" I recalled then that in a conversation not long before we had mentioned the catechism and I told him I had a small one I would bring him. Since I have taken it to him, Well he is a Scotchman.

My grandfather William Nesbit had two sons John and David.

You can look for us some day, Thanks. (continued)
John had seven children, six who grew to maturity. Dead Adeline J. who has a son who is a Dr. Morrow. This son has two sons who are doctors. They went through medical college together. A daughter who is still living, past80. Margaret is the PostMistress; William N. dead, the grandfather of Rev. Wm. Nesbit Vincent mentioned in your letter. Two sons living, no sons born to them.

John Fee N. dead. He was a business man Post master. Served in state l legislature three or four terms. Made a canvas for congress. Died of heart trouble on the Saturday night before election day. Good show for election. One son living.

Andrew David N. Doctor died with a stroke. A very successful practicioner. A man, every inch a man. Loved by man (as most doctors should be) one daughter.

Richard Grant, the writer. Two sons living, oldest sons was through the World War in the thick of it. Wrote reminiscenses very graphic. Passed from us about three years ago. (war is a terrible thing.)

John G. a rancher, a college graduate, Civil and irrigation engineer.

Paul W. a college graduate with M.A. A teacher and during vacations he is a ranger naturalist. A mountain climber, is called upon much to lecture to schools, groups and Hi-Y boy conferences. Has a little son.

Our father was an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

These four sons hamed above have all served in Presbyterian Churches as elders. Three of them in the same church.

I have served in two churches. My special interest was in S.S. work. I have been a business man much of my life. Spent about 12 years in the banking business. Loosing health caused me to stop bank and move to Colorado 29 years ago. In a year I was at work again and have, for most time been very active in business.

All of my father's family were teachers in public schools in Tenn.

We four brothers all cae to Tekamah, Neb. and were all interested together in business and bank.

Brother William did not have good health for several years.

Let me correct a refference you have relative to Rev. William Nesbit Vincent. His mother's name was Nellie, the missionary. Never have I read a testimony to equal hers written to her people of her faith and trust in God. It was wonderful.

I read the letter with much interest telling of the visit to the "Nisbet estate", it is certainly great. I like W. D. Nesbits poems of which you write and the one you give is fine. I love poetry, and jokes, even scotch jokes.

It is quite my custom to slip in the letters I write to my sons and cousins and friends some little joke.

I certainly would like much to meet you and your good wife. I enjoyed her part of the letter. I know we could have a good visit. You come to Canon City, Colo. for a vacation and we will climb the mountains and see the great out of doors. We are near some very interesting drives. About six miles for a walk up the river thru the Royal Gorge to the swinging bridge and above us 1053 feet we will cross under the highest bridge in the world above water and the R. R. tracks. It spans the Royal Gorge. Or by auto we may drive to it 14 miles distant. Then you may look down into this deep canyon.- The deepest thru which a R. R. passes. We may camp out and fish if you wish to fish. I am not a ficherman. But I can watch others. We might start up some deer quite close to town. Well come see the Nesbits out here and we

will swap "Nesbitology" and might swap a bit of Nesbit theology. For if I mistake not you have a daughter abroad perhaps a teacher or a missionary.

I enjoyed the part of her account of her traveles.

A year ago last September John and wife with us,we drove hru to the Fair. Leaving them there to return home,we in a couple of days went to Penn. our old home. Leaving Chicago one Sabbath morn we got to Valporaiso in time for church expecting to meet and hear Rev. William Nesbit Vincent . To our dissappointment he was not there but at your city. We had been told wrong, but we met a young lady who had met out son Paul at Boulder University and who had climbed Longs Peak in a party he had led up.

One winter in Calif I made a contact with a Miss Nesbit at Long Beach. I think her father was a retired attorney. I did not scrape up any kin. One time at Burgetstown, Pa. I met a Presbyterian minister and a Dr.,both Nesbits.

We have a Nesbit family out at Penrose about 15 miles. They are from Ill.

I received a letter from a Rev. Samuel Nesbit I think from Ohio recommending a pastor for our church. Well the country must be full of them. A very wealthy Nesbitt in Wilkesbarr, Pa.

I was pleased with the different ways of spelling Nesbit that has been found. Wonder if it was because some of them were "put out of the Clan" for some misdemeanor. Ways of spelling the name reminds me of the story about the Irishman that could speak different languages.

He was present when some men were refering to some young man who was,they said a bright fellow and could speak two languages. Pat was interested and inquired what two languages he could speak, they informed him "The English and the French"
Pat remarked"Ah that's nuthing. I can spake three languages myself." They inquired what three. He replied, "The English, the Irish and the profane." Someday I might send you a few scotch jokes. I am sure you have much pleasure and chance to follow up in the hunting out of the Nesbits. You no doubt make some interesting contacts. I am pleased at the manner you throw in some bit of information and direction about things of interest, about the ties and the Tartan. etc.

When you contact Mr. Endicott give him my appreciation of his"Wood Smoke" and his ability to take from the walls of memories,things of interest and cheer to him while he is hindered from active life.

From our old home in Pennsylvania we went on South to Florida and spent last winter, returning along the Gulf and thru Texas visited Carlsbad Caverns, New Mexico. When you come west on a vacation you should plan to visit them.

Now I have written a rambling disjointed letter already to long for a busy Dr. to read.

I do not know that I have added a bit to the Nesbitology that you care for. But even though our family may have no part in your clan it gives you a little touch of these who bare the name.

I might say my mother's maiden was Mary Fee. Her father was a tailor in Ballibay,Ireland. Mother was 15 when they came to Pa. and father was 7. Mother would relate many more events about the doings, sing Irish songs and could tell of some of her ancestors who had come from Scotland and of some of the Orangeman's parades and fights. With an apology for anything I have written I shouldn't have I amhoping to show you some mountains and high places in Colo. of course you will bring Mrs. Nesbit along. To my new friends by correspondence. Sincerely, Richard G. Nesbit

N E S B I T O L O G Y

January, 1938

Number six
Published occasionally by
Otis B. Nesbit, M. D., 444 Jackson St., Gary, Indiana

Mailed to those who acknowledge in some manner its receipt. News about your family and the clan desired. Copies sent on request. If you dont like this issue send it back.

THE VALUE OF A SMILE

Wilbur D. Nesbit.

The thing that goes the farthest
 Toward making life worth while,
That costs the least, and does the most,
 Is just a pleasant smile.
The smile that bubbles from the heart
 That loves its fellowmen
Will drive away the clouds of gloom
 And coax the sun again.

It pays the higher interest,
 For it is merely lent,
It's worth a million dollars--
 And it doesn't cost a cent.

There is no room for sadness
 Where we see a cheery smile;
It always has the same good look;
 It's never out of style;
It nerves us on to try again
 When failure makes us blue;
The dimples of encouragement are good
 For me and you.

So-smile away!
 Folks understand what by a smile is meant;
It's worth a million dollars--
 And it doesn't cost a cent.

A smile comes easily enough.
 A twinkle in the eye
Is natural, and does more good
 Than any long-drawn sigh!
It touches on the heartstrings
 Till they quiver blithe and long,
And always leaves an echo
 That is very like a song.

SOME NEWS ABOUT MY FOLKS.
O.B. Nesbit

Allegra Mary Nesbit received a Masters Degree in education at the University of Chicago, June 11, 1937. She is head of the history department in Lew Wallace High School, Gary, Ind. Her thesis was on the Development of Citizenship through Student Participations in the Lew Wallace School, Gary. She and her mother attended the N.E.A. meeting at Detroit in July and spent a week end at Ann Arbor.

Charley McCray of Albany, Calf. and his son Earl were with us for breakfast on New Years day. Earl finished high school in June. Thanks for an invitation.

Beatrice Oppenheim and Judith were afraid to trust a trip back to Singapore last fall and have an apartment in Chicago near the University where Judith attends the Nursery School. They will be home for Christmas.

John Young, son of George Young of Centralia, Kansas was at R.O.T.C. camp at Ft. Sheridan and came out to see us a couple of times. He is an engineering student at Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan. His brother is also at that college. Brother Edward was here on his last visit and I arranged for them to be taken through the steel mills.

Brother Edward T. and wife of Colusa, California stopped enroute and upon their return to Ann Arbor, Michigan to visit their son Dr. Reed Nesbit and family in their new summer home on the Huron River about twenty miles from their home.

Reed brought his family down Nov.12, he went on by train to speak at a medical meeting in Milwaukee that night. I met him in Chicago the next day, we took in the "Hobby Show" and "You Cant Take It With You" returning home for a good dinner. At night we had family motion pictures.

Cousin Sarah Reel and Edith Benn are at 421 Foothill Blvd., Glendora, Calf. Sarah had her two sons and daughter with her on her Century birthday celebration, Sept. 9th. She is the oldest known descendant of great-grandfather Samuel Nisbet. She is a remarkable woman indeed.

Cousin Annie Mathews died March 3, 1937. Interment at Cypress View Mausoleum, San Diego, Calf. She was a daughter of Uncle John Thomas Nisbet. Her only child is L. W. Mathews at Encinitas, Calf.

Benj. F. McCray aged 94 died at Oakland, Calf. at home of his daughter Ruth Usher, interment Jan. 25, 1937, Sunset Cemetery, Richmond by side of his wife, Mary Nesbit my oldest sister. He was father of ten children, thirteen grandchildren and six great grand children. His daughter Bell Chambers, died the week before. She and Ruth lived together.

Cousin Mallie Nesbit Scott, b. 1822 daughter of Uncle Nicholas Nesbit and last of that family died Jan. 22, 1937 at Richmond, Calif., Christian Science Services, cremated.

Cousin Lucinda Elizabeth (Young) Cartmell, died August 30, 1937, 82 years 8 months, at her home on the farm near Stoutsville, Missouri. Her son Emery Otis and she lived together.

Joe Reister of Lexington, Kentucky is making good as a newspaper man. Thanks Joe for the feature stories sent. He is Mrs. Willie Reister's son. She has not been very well. Hope she has recovered her usual good health.

THE NESBIT-ENDICOTT REUNION was attended by about one hundred at Cynthiana, Indiana Sept. 5, 1937. A. J. Endicott is president.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

THE NISBET ESTATE

John Nesbitt Dowling

In the year 547, the Saxons of Northumberland, led by Ida the Flamebearer, invaded and took possession of the territory north of the Tweed--known as the Lothians. With the exception of the citadels Dunbar and Duns, they gave names familiar to themselves to all parts of it. About two miles south of Duns, from which it was separated by a marsh, rose a barrier, or ridge, running from west to east, which by its form suggested to the Saxon imagination the familiar protuberance beneath the body of the sow, which they termed the Dilster--a compound word composed of Dil--soothing--and Ster--rising. The district then over run by swine, still bears evidence of the fact by such names as Swinton and Swinburn.

The estate which included this remarkable mound was named with its manor house "Dilster-halle". It is so named in the list of manors which Edgar--the son of Malcolm Canmore--about the year 1095 is alleged in a draft charter now at Durham to have intended for the endowment of the monks of St. Cuthbert.

About the year 1070 Malcolm had included this estate in the grant of lands he made to the deprived Earl of Northumberland, Gospatric, his cousin, when he entrusted him with the defence of Dunbar and the Lothian province. About 1095 when Edgar succeeded his father, being on friendly terms with William Rufus, the Conqueror's son and successor, and the Earl Gospatric having returned in favour of his son Gospatric 'brother of Dolfin', the altered conditions in respect of the estate called for revision. In the first place, by reason of Edgar's upbringing at Norman Court, the vulgar name by which the estate was known displeased him, and he changed it to Nesebite, which likened its distinctive feature to the familiar guard on the caps of the Norman men-at-arms. Further, inasmuch as peaceable conditions then existed, by which Gospatric's duties had become nominal, and by reason also of King Edgar's devotion to the church, the custodian of Dunbar before 1138 executed a deed by which Edrom and "Aliam Villam quae dicitur Nesebite was assigned to the monks of St. Cuthbert. The final arrangement agreed upon with Gospatric III, was that his relation and acting steward of his household, Aldan the son of Crin, should enjoy the hereditary right of tenancy under the ownership of the Monks of St. Cuthbert.

In the course of time absolute possession became the family inheritance, and so remained until the 17th century when it was lost through Sir Alexander's devotion to the cause of King Charles the First.

July 12, 1937 John N. Dowling

GENEALOGY of the NISBETS of NISBET
John Nesbitt Dowling

KENNETH, II. King of the Scots, cir. 971 had a son - Malcolm, II. who reigned 1005-1034. Not having a son, the latter was succeeded by his eldest daughter - BETHOC who had married CRINAN - the lay Abbot of Dunkeld. By this marriage she bore DUNCAN who reigned 1034-40. She also bore Maldred who married Elgitha, daughter of ETHELRED II. King of England, by whom he had GOSPATRIC who was Earl of Northumberland 1067-72. A few years later his cousin - Malcolm Canmore - King of Scots made him Govenor of Dunbar - joining with several manors in Lothian, among which was Dilster-halle. The latter had been so named by the Saxon immigrants who likened a ridge on the estate to the Udder of a sow. When Edgar, the son of Malcolm Canmore inherited the Lothian province, he took exception to the vulgar name of the manor, and directed Gospatric the Second to change it to Nesebite which signified the remarkable feature on the caps of the Norman men-at-arms. As Edgar was always on peaceable terms with England, and favoured the extension of religion, he directed Gospatric to make a will in favour of the monks of St. Cuthbert in respect of this manor of Nesebite. Guspatric III. raised an objection to this grant. But David the King insisted upon it. The final terms arranged were that Gospatric's relative and steward - ALADIN the son of CRIN, and grandson of the daughter of the first Gospatric, should have the hereditary right of tenancy under the ownership of the monks of St.Cuthbert.

ALADIN had married a daughter of the Siward family, and had 3 sons, viz.: ADAM, who succeeded to the family estate at Prendregeste, William, who became tenant at NESEBITE, and GILBERT of Polworth. William's son Thomas, who succeeded at Nesebite, afterwards became Prior of Coldingham. A second Thomas followed, after whom the estate was divided into East and West Nisbet, the latter portion being successively occupied by Adam, Alexander, William, Adam and Adam. During the life-time of the two last named warfare existed between England and Scotland. The younger Adam had an emporium at Berwick-on-Tweed, trading between France and Scotland, by which he amassed a fortune, and was able to establish his right to the paternal estate. During the years 1364 to 1372 he was laird of West Nisbet, which in August 1355 had been the field of a battle between English and Scots. Adam was succeeded by his son Philip, who about 1388 assumed the arms of "Ar. Three Boars' heads erazed, sable." He married a daughter of Walter Hamilton of Cadzow, by whom he had a son Robert who married the daughter of John Home of Wedderburn. A second battle occurred 22 June 1402 on Nisbet Muir, when it is probable Philip lost his life. His son Robert who had a large family, and succeeded to West Nisbet, was killed when fighting in France, at Verneuil 16 August, 1424. The lineal succession was carried on by his son Adam, whose elder son, Philip left no legitmate issue. The line reverted to the second son - Adam, and was then followed lineally by Philip who married Elene Rutherfurd, Adam, Philip, George and Sir Philip Philip, then lastly by Sir Alexander Nisbet, Knt. with his sons and substance Sir Alexander supported the cause of King Charles I., but failing adequate royal recognition of his sacrifices, was unable to redeem his landed estate, which thus was lost to the Nisbet family.

Jan. 7, 1937 John Nesbitt Dowling

THE ARMS OF NISBIT OF NISBIT
BERWICKSHIRE, SCOTLAND
John Nesbitt Dowling

In the year 1385 Charles the Sixth of France, who was planning an attack upon England, sent into Scotland according to a previous arrangement a large sum of money and twelve hundred suits of armour, accompanied by a thousand men-at-arms, with their followers. As these were shared by the Scottish nobility, it is most probable that about the year 1385 Philip de Nisbit 'cominus ejusdem' assumed his distinctive Coat of Arms. In this year August 12 was fought the battle of Otterburn (Chevy Chase). Although James the second Earl of Douglas was slain therein, the Scots, doubtless including the Nisbet laird, defeated the English. On June 22, 1402, the second battle of Nisbet at Nisbet Muir was fought, wherein probably Philip was killed. On the 14th September following, at the battle of Homildon Hill, the Scots were defeated by the English. Amond the slain was Adam Gordon who fought there with Sir John Swinton. It is remarkable that the arms borne by the neighbouring families of Nisbet, Gordon and Swinton displayed the 'three boars heads' as the device upon their shields, differing them only by the colours.

Philip de Nisbet was succeeded by his son Robert who was born about the year 1372. He married Margaret the daughter of John Home of Wedderburn by whom he had a numerous family. He was slain 16th August 1424 at the battle of Verneuil in France when fighting with 4000 Scots under Archibald the fourth Earl of Douglas against the English, who were victorious in their overwhelming attack.

John Nesbitt Dowling

Edgbaston, Birmingham, England.
July 12, 1937.

Dear Sir:

I have read through the typed copies of my contributions to NESBITOLOGY and am returning them to you with the necessary corrections.

Although I have compiled a history of the main stem of the family and also one of the branch to which I belong, they remain in the Script which I have no intention of publishing. Even my own descendants may not take the trouble to read what took me much time and research to embody.

It seems to me that your NESBITOLOGY is the homeopathic dose best suited to a world so much engrossed in other matters.

The history of the past should be an incentive to all of us "to go one better" than our forbears, and so help the evolution to the end that the world was made for.

With my best wishes, John Nesbitt Dowling.
48 Gough Road,

Thanks Mr. Dowling for your contributions. They will be greatly prized by us all. I wish my readers could see the manuscripts prepared by his own hand and pen, beautifully done.

John, please send me the names and addresses of your family that I may send them copies. O. B. N.

A RARE EDUCATIONAL DOCUMENT.

Colonel Grant of Dunbar, Scotland, sent the original well written finely preserved memorandum concerning the education of William Nisbet 1723 from Mr. Alston, which will be prized by those interested in education and high school students. The William referred to became an M. P. and one time was Master of the Free Masons of Scotland.

O. B. Nesbit, Gary, Indiana has a photostat copy of this rare document and he had this copy mimeographed and will distribute it among his school friends in 1937.

Memorandum for Mr. Nisbet anent his reading

22d Ap:
1723

That every morning and forenoon he shall report as many of the rules of his grammar as he can make himself master of, and that before twelve o'cloack the Master or some of the Doctors should every day hear what he hath got; and this be continued til he is perfectly master of all the Grammar rules which he hath been formerly taught especially the first and third parts of it.

When this is done he should bestow the same hours every day in getting by heart the rules of Mr. Rudimans Syntax, which allso to be taken account of every day before twelve acloack as the Grammar was.

For the afternoon he may every Munday and Tuesday get about 20. linesof Aeneid to explain without any help but his Dictionary only that the Master should help him when he comes to a difficulty that he can not get over and should be taken out of before the school dismiss at night, and he made to tense 4 or 5 lines and give account of the analysis of every Noun and Verb which is worth asking in his whole lesson and construe every sentence in it - applying every rule of his Grammar and Syntax as he goes along, and when he goes home at night he should be ordered to get his lesson in Virgil to repeat and heard give an account of it as soon as he enter the School next morning.

Upon Wednesday Thursday & Friday afternoon he may read 30. or 40. Lines of Caesars Commentary beginning at the 2d. or 3d. book as the Master pleases without any help but his dictionary and before the School dismisses at night he should be examined upon it and made to give rules for the analyses of every word and the construction of every sentence that is worth noticing.

Upon Saturday in the morning and afternoon he should repeat all he has learned the week before of his Grammar & Syntax and Virgil, for fixing them better in his memory and for this end-fridayes night ought to be left free to him in his chamber

Every night when he is in his room (except friday which is disposed of before) he may put the examples of Rudiman's Grammaticall exercises into right construction beginning at the second part of them which is the 4th page.

His Master should make him understand how the references in the examples correspond with the rules in the Syntax in his rudiments, by figures, so that he may know by what rule, and by what note or exception of every rule each sample does belong. He might begin with a page afterwards advance to a leaf or more of these examples as he is able to write them every night; his Master helping him in his room wherever it is needful. And he ought to be examined upon his- evening tasks either before he goes to bed or in the morning when he- goes first to school and caused to apply the rules of his Syntax to every example he has write.

Once a week (viz upon Saturdays night he should translate about 20 Lines of Caesar which he hath read that week into as good- English as he can and write it beway of version, being allowed to paraphrase it in his own way, only keeping as near the author's meaning as possible. And this should be examined on Munday morning the first thing that is done where particular notes should be taken of spelling the English words right.

After he hath made himself master of the rules of Grammar and Syntax which is hoped may be in two or three weeks allowing the morning and forenoon every day for that purpose during that time: he should take one or two of these dyets every week for writing at home in Latine, which his Master should dictat to him out of some part of Caesar which he hath read about 8. or 10. days before, taking the book from him while he is writing it in the School, and this should not exceed 18. or 20 lines in the latine book. And the rest of these dyets when once they become free from his repeating may be employed partly in constructing some more of Mr. Rudimans examples and partly in reading more of Caesar as the Master shall order him.

Endorsement on back.
"Memorand for Mr. Nisbet 1723 from
Mr. Alston anent his education".

A HARRISON - NISBET DESCENDANT

New York City, January 18, 1937

Dear Dr. Nesbit:

I now have time at my home to further reply to your letter of the 6th instant and wish to acknowledge and thank you for the Nos. 3 and 4 Nesbitology which were found to be very interesting. There were several items therin that I would like to comment on, but time will not permit at this writing.

During the past ten years I have made it a spare time hobby to record all my kin, going back in each branch to the oldest known progenitor and sitting down each and every descendant. However quickly realizing to do this with the Nisbet family would require many years of work and correspondence, only the known ancestors of my Elizabeth Nisbet have been recorded.

Therefore, no attempt has been made by the writer to secure a complete record of the Nisbet family. In tracing the Weir and Buchanan families, Mrs. Carrie Scott Gregg-Noble of Rhodes, Iowa furnished quite a lot of the Nisbet information and this data was added to by the writer. In view of the fact the Nisbet record is referred to rather thoroughly in "The Harvey Book", published 1896 at Wilkes Barre, Pa., and also that so many others more closely related are working on similar records, I have felt that the limited time I could devote would be of very little value.

My connection to the Nisbets has been accepted as starting with the Nisbets in the Shire of Berwick (King Edgar - circa AD 1097), through to the Nisbets of Greenholme in the Shire of Ayr; Murdoch Neisbit of Hardhill (The Lollard); Alexander Neisbit; James Neisbit of Hardhill; John Neisbit (Johne Nesbeit, Johne Neisbitt) b 1627 hung Dec. 4, 1685, wife Margaret Law; Hugh Nisbet; Alexander Nisbet b 1671; Will Nisbet b 1695; Elizabeth Nisbet of Hardhill b 1730, d 1813, married Charles Weir 1750 from Parish of Shotts to Blantyre.

I reference to the above, I quote from my records: "Agnes Weir Robertson born 1789 in Blantyre, died 1866, a granddaughter of Elizabeth Nisbet-Weir, possessed a remarkable memory in her later years and many old documents as proof and she well merits the title given to her as "The Historian". Remembering her grandmother Elizabeth Nisbet-Weir very well, Agnes is responsible for the origional tradition that she was descended from John Nisbet of Hardhill, the Covenanter and took great pride in showing the various papers and documents handed down to her from her grandmother, even then centuries old.

In 1934-1935 I was in communication with Robert Chancellor Nisbet, Esq. of West Brompton and Nisbet House after being referred to him by my kinsman, the Reverand W. B. C. Buchanan of Kilmarnock, who forwarded newspaper clippings relating to the unveiling of the memorial in Old Greyfriars Church to Alexander Nisbet, and during that time received pictures and pamphlets relating to Nisbet House in Duns. From my correspondence it appears that Mr. Nisbett was gathering data to hand for a publication, which upon completion would be offered to others. I have not been notified that this was completed and have wanted for some time to address him again to determine what progress has been made along this line.

I note that quite a lot has been written and still no mention has been made of my exact connection, so continuing with Elizabeth Nisbet and Charles Weir; their fourth child, James Weir married Elizabeth Forrest from Uddingston and had Christian Weir, born 4-14-1791 at Priory Mill, Blantyre married in 1816 Alexander Buchanan, born 1770 at Coatbridge whose fourth child,Christina Buchanan married James Fleming in Scotland, and their 2nd child,Christina Weir-Fleming married Abraham Young (my grandparents).

You will note from the above that my relationship is really quite distant. However, if you are familiar with the Harvey Book and other publications, you will note that James Nisbet, a cousin of the above Elizabeth Nisbet-Weir, born about 1655, came to America on December 20, 1685 and finally settled at Newark, New Jersey and that his son married into the Harrison family. The Harrisons are also my progenitors and I have believed that this Nisbet-Harrison branch were also my progenitors, but at this writing this would not be stated as an actual fact. There are three of us working on the Harrison records now (myself, a Harrison in Texas and a Harrison in Indiana) and this may be proven within a short time. It is quite possible that a large percentage of the Nisbets in America today are descended from those at Newark for you will note that a very large number are recorded in this Harvey Book and in the other publications.

I am most thankful to you for sending the Nisbet pamphlet and copies of your Nesbitology and would be glad to help in any way my limited time would permit along these genealogical pursuits or otherwise, and to hear from you and others at anytime. Cordially yours,

45 Wall Street Vernon W. Davidson Sr.

Pittsburgh, Pa., January 2, 1937.

My dear Dr. Nesbit:

Today's post brought me the photograph of Nisbet House and the beautiful message from Robert C. Nesbitt, Esq. I am most happy to have both and thank you sincerely for sending them to me. I shall write also to Mr. R. C. Nesbitt, whose thoughtfulness will be appreciated by all who are fortunate enough to be remembered.

If you have any copies left, and are willing to include one more in your remembrances, my brother, General Carl E. Nesbitt, The Adjutant General's Office, Austin, Texas, would, I am sure, be delighted to receive a copy. His lovely wife knows a Mexican wood carver who is carving the Nisbet arms for my brother and also for me. I am not familiar with his work, but my sister told me that it is excellent. If you are interested, I am sure that she would be glad to answer your questions, if any, about it.

I trust that the New Year may bring you a full measure of health and happiness, and with renewed expressions of thanks, I am Yours very truly, Clarence R. Nesbitt

January 15, 1937

Dear Dr. Nesbit:

I have received your letter of January 6, and separately copy No. 4 of Nesbitology has also arrived. I am very glad to have both.

According to traditions about the family that have come down to me, the Nisbets have always been clannish. That

clannishness is justified, however, on the basis of pride in correct living, and each member in turn has always been willing to encourage and help the others where possible to independence and leadership. If all families would look after their own, we would have no need for governmental discipline, relief, doles or other burdens, which are today weighing down the people of every land.

Nesbitology fosters the clannishness to which I refer, and is, therefore, not only worth while, but highly desirable as a means of reminding each recipient that he or she a Nisbet; that in the veins of every Nisbet is royal blood; and that there are very few families in history that are older or whose members in each generation have more consistently achieved desirable ends for more than a thousand years. I trust that Nesbitology may keep coming.

I trust, moreover, that Nisbets and Nesbitts may continue their interest in the family's traditions. I am sure that I shall, and some day I am hopeful that I may round out the data I have been collecting for years in a new volume, which will give valuable history that to the best of my knowledge and belief has never been published before. I have fairly complete genealogical data pertaining to the male members of my line back to Allan Nesbitt of Endale, Rathfryland, County Down, Ireland, who was born about 1660, and whose will was proven in the Diocese of Dromore, Parishes of Ballyroney and Drumgarth. A letter from one of his descendants there to my great-grandfather tells of the flight of Allan or his father from Scotland about 1600 or before.

Can any member of the clan give me any information that might help connect Allan with a particular branch of the family in Scotland? I understand the family was living in Fifeshire prior to leaving for Ireland. Yours sincerely,

6534 Dalzell Place, Pittsburgh, Pa., Clarence R. Nesbitt

VISITED NISBET HOUSE

New York City, N. Y.
April 15, 1937

Dear Dr. Nesbit:

Your last communication was full of interest. Perhaps you would like the story of our day at Nisbet House, last August 31.

Mother and I were told to ask for the gardener and his wife as the Big House was again to be vacant. We found Mr. and Mrs. Cowieson most courteous and helpful. Mr. Nesbitt was to be there in a few days but we missed him. Mrs. Cowieson showed us about the old place and later I took some pictures.

Going about the hoary pile was a great experience with one who had served for 32 years with interest and loyalty. "You are now entering the home of your ancestors" could not help but thrill us both. Portraits of forgotten folk stirred the imagination. One picture of the park before the lake was drained attracted me so much that I was given a photographic copy. Would you like one of it or have you one by some lucky chance?

Worn stairs, narrow loopholes, musty smells, queer cubbyholes, dark passages, lofty drawingroom ceilings, winding flights to upper stories which one found to have rooms

oddly shaped, some with glorious views from the windows, one with a "lookout" whence the alert watcher might have seen the war-torn banners come over the hills from far-off frays or dark lines of cattle driven into the stronghold by raiders: all these are etched on one's memory. But the great kitchen fire was dead. No ox turned on the spit. Cries of warning no longer echoed from the battlements. The ancestor who had followed Mary Queen of Scots had sent his ghost back to scan the picture on the wall. Was that her fated beauty?

The scene Is Changed: Nisbet House is lighted by electricity. Hot and cold water taps can be turned in modern tubs and sinks. Dangerous steps have been replaced to make service less dangerous. Carpets were rolled up. Dishes and books were packed. People were coming to see about the sale of furnishings. I was glad to go with my mother to the garden.

That was satisfying with its ordered but luxuriant wealth of bloom. Mr. Cowieson has lavished his skill and is abundantly rewarded. Such a riot of roses and sweet peas you would not expect outside of Italy, perhaps. Some of the flowers were as good as those we had seen at Hampton Court. Mother was enthused about the enormous tuber begonias.

A cup of tea in the cottage and then farewells were said to those hospitable folk who had gone to so much trouble to entertain American strangers because they were Nesbitts, remote kin to those who reared the walls of Nisbet three centuries ago. People come and go there but do not decide to take over the burden of the old place. Would it not be fun to buy it back for the use of NESBIT-NISBET-NESBITT sojourners in the land of their forbears?

A herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle lifted their heads and watched me down by the fence focussing a camera on one corner of the house. Lucky black beasties in lush meadows, fattening for the foreign trade, they did not have to run before the stick of a gillie hurrying them on a midnight raid for his Border Laird.

Our taxi came and we took what is likely to be our last view of the vacant home Sir Philip of that Ilk held dear. His descendant was coming back in a day or two to end his tenure (for the first time in centuries by a Nesbitt) in his ancestral hall. The train took us through vale and hill twinkling with bunny tails. Mother and I still feel it was a great day. More anon.

62 Barrow St. E. Nesbitt M. D.

(I have a few more photographs of the drawing of Nisbet House, which I have supplied to many of the clan at $1.00 each, three for $2.00. O.B.N.

LT. COL. NISBET HAMILTON GRANT'S FAMILY

You have asked me for some further particulars about my family. I presume that by this you mean such of its members as were Nisbets? Well, if this is so I will start by referring you to Mary Nisbet of Dirleton who married the seventh Earl of Elgin the famous collector of the Elgin Marbles. She was born in 1777 and her adventures are fully set forth in a book published by me entitled, "The Letters of Mary Nisbet," John Murray, 1926.

I expect what would most interest you and your readers would be a few notes about her ancestors - or "forebears" as we always speak of them in Scotland. The notes however must be very sketchy, as I am no expert at disentangling genealogies, and as the papers concerning my Nisbet connections only came into my possession a few years ago and I have never had time to study them properly.

The story however commences with Sir Harry (or Sir Henry?) Nisbet who was born in 1535 and was Lord Provost of Edinburgh in 1597. He is believed to have been descended from the Nisbets of Nisbet (or Nisbets of that Ilk) which is the old Scottish phrase. The latter family trace their descent back to 1124.

One of Sir Harry's sons appears to have been a certain Sir William Nisbet of Craigentinnie, an Estate which he must either have bought or inherited or which must have been presented to him.

Sir William like all the Nisbets of that date, had a prodigious number of descendants amongst whom there were, a Colonel Thomas Nisbet who died at Bergen-op-Zoom in 1758, Captain James Nisbet, Commander of H.M.S. Woodcock who latterly settled in Barbadoes and married. He was lost at sea in 1738. One of the sisters of the two above, was Emilia who seems to have been devoted to her brothers. She writes to them "My D. B." - which presumably means "My dear brother". She writes that she has a happy husband and three pleasant children.

One of the younger of the Nisbets of Craigentinnie succeeded to the Estates of Dirleton in 1687 and thus became Nisbet of Dirleton. Those Estates had been settled upon him by his kinsman Sir John Nisbet.

Sir John Nisbet was a famous lawyer of his date and was created Lord Dirleton. His portrait and his famous book "Dirleton's Doubts" (which was afterwards said to be better than other people's certainties) are at Winton Castle. He lies buried in the Nisbet tomb in Greyfriars church, Edinburgh. This is not the place to touch upon Dirleton Castle and its owners previous to its having been acquired by the Nisbets It dates back to 1228 and the history connected with it is full of stirring incidents. But I can let you have details at any time, if you like.

To return to the Nisbets of Craigentinnie who afterwards became Nisbets of Dirleton, they had a long line of descendants, details about whom are very difficult to disentangle, as the oldest son of generation after generation was always called William. We have the Marriage Contract at Biel dated March 27th, 1688 of one of these William Nisbets who married Jean Bennett. The letters of this Mrs. Nisbet to her husband are couched in the most devoted terms. They start "My dearest life" and end up either "Myown Soule your Wife" in some cases - and in others "Your loveing and affectionate Wiff till death".

Another William Nisbet married Christian Bennett and their Marriage Certificate is also at Biel. I think it was this couple who were the parents of Wilhelmina Nisbet who married the Sixth Earl of Leven and Melville, and who was a Lady of exceptional charm and gifts.

Eventually we come to a certain William Nisbet of Dirleton who married in 1747 Mary Hamilton of Belhaven, Pencaitland, and Barncleuth. This Lady succeeded to the Estates of Biel, which

up to that time had belonged to the Lords Belhaven. Some of these Lords Belhaven had most romantic and exciting careers, and some particulars about them could be furnished were it not that it might not prove of interest to the readers of your notes, who will presumably be all members of the Nisbet or Nesbitt Clan.

Finally we come to the point from which this Memorandum started, namely to Mary Nisbet of Dirleton who married Thomas Seventh Earl of Elgin. Her adventures are dealt with in the "Letters of Mary Nisbet" to which I have referred above.

And after her death, onwards the Nisbets of Dirleton become merged into other families and eventually into a branch of the Clan Grant, respecting the achievements of which the readers of this will probably not be greatly interested. Some of my Great Forbears used to own property in Jamaica and one was Chief Justice of the Island.

Biel Dunbar,
East Lothian, Scotland
Feb.,1937.

Nisbet Hamilton Grant

A LETTER FROM "THE GARDEN OF EDEN." DESCENDENT.

Catonsville, Baltimore County, Md.
February 4, 1937

Dear Dr. Nesbit,

I wish to acknowledge with thanks the two last issues (Nos. 4 and 5) of Nesbitology.

It will, no doubt, be of interest to widely scattered Nesbitts to know about my own forebears who settled early in Northeastern Maryland in the region through which later was fixed the Mason and Dixon Line.

The first of our branch we have record of is Joseph Nesbitt. He appears first on the tax-rolls in 1765. He rented a tract of land in 1768 called "Widows Lot". He appears next in the Revolutionary muster rolls along with his eldest son Alexander. He received a grant of land called "Garden of Eden" in 1789 and his son a grant of land called "Rockland Hills" 1791. His son Alexander attained the rank of captain in the Revolutionary War.

Joseph had seven sons. This seems to be the order of their births,-Alexander, Moses, Samuel, Jonathan, Robert, Joseph and John. Of these my own great-grandfather was Moses. The four youngest went west. The only notations I have regarding these are that Jonathan and Joseph went west to Ohio near Dayton and that Robert and John went to Western Pennsylvania. Also that John married a wife named Martha Donaldson.

Our branch in Maryland has always held to the spelling Nesbitt. I have often wished that I might trace this line through in Pennsylvania and Ohio. As to tracing backward from Joseph no effort has yet been made. He or his parents doubtless came between 1740 and 1770 with the Ulster immigrants who came in in such large numbers by way of New Castle, Delaware, as the port of entry. I may be able to make some further research in this direction soon.

I have a desire to gather back into the lovely hill country of upper Cecil County, Maryland, some of my kin who have gone forth, mostly westward. Living in a suburb of Baltimore I have been able to keep my contacts with locality especially through the old West Nottingham Academy, which is doing a splendid work in preparing boys for college and dates back in 1741.

My father and I and my son all bear the same name and all got our early training at this fine old Presbyterian Academy.

My son graduated from Princeton University in 1936 and is now in his first year of medical school at Johns Hopkins. I have a brother, James Lawson Nesbitt, a lawyer in New York.

If you know of any of the who have a longing to return to the "rock from which they were hewn" tell them to write me. I can suggest no better place for a Nesbitt reunion than at old West Nottingham in Cecil County. Very truly yours,

John A. Nesbitt.

John Nesbit, Albion, Indiana, a farmer is a descendant of a James Nesbit born in Maryland 1810. John A. might help this "family tree building. Dr. Nesbit, Espanola, New Mexico is Johns son. Mrs. Nesbit writes that Rev: Nesbit Vincent of Ft. Wayne comes to a lake on their farm to fish occasionally but never comes to the house to talk family history. There are several preachers in the Clan who know the pedigree of the Prophets and Apostles better than their own. They seem to forget that a good clean living by their ancestors has preserved the dominant physical and mental traits that have enabled them to succeed. An interest in family pedigree is essential for the propagation of a strong, sturdy, pure, progeny. It may not count on chances for eternal salvation but it will add to the enjoyment of living. What I say applies equally to some bankers, doctors, lawyers, laborers and other Nisbets that I know. John A. and John Pratt Nesbit are notable exceptions. O.B.N.

WILLIAM R. NESBIT
Attorney at Law

Sullivan, Indiana, Jan. 11, 1937.

My dear Doctor:

I acknowledge your "Nesbitology" and have read the same with much interest and I thank you for it. I acknowledge that I have not taken as much interest in the family history as I should have done, but when my attention is called to it I take some pride in the fact that I am one of them.

I have just recently emerged from a ten weeks stay in the hospital where I underwent a major operation and am so glad to be able to be out again, and with a good chance for a full recovery. Have been at my office since the first day of the year. I shall always remember with pleasure my meeting with the Nesbit family at Cynthiana a couple of years ago and hope that I will again have an opportunity to meet with them. I am sure you have spent much time and effort in gathering up the materials for the matter that you have so generously distributed.

I hope you have not forgotten my daughter, Mildred, who is at the present in Los Angeles, Cal., and my grandson, J. R. Billman, who is now a freshman in Miami, Ohio, University. (They have forgotten me and do not keep me informed of their addresses O.B.N.)

With kindest regards to you and yours, I am, very truly yours,

W. R. Nesbit

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral of Mrs. Jane M. Patten will be held from the home at 410 South Main St., Sunday, December 12, 1937, at 1:30 P. M.

Rev. O. S. Firestone, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, officiating.

Interment will be at Montrose, Missouri.

We can never express to you how much our dear Mother enjoyed your letters of "Nesbitology". Thanks for sending them.

She will be greatly missed.

Jessie Patten - Mrs. S. R. Mohler (daughters)

Mrs. Patten was a descendant of William Nesbit, Revolutionary War Soldier from Pennsylvania an early settler in Millersburgh, Kentucky. His name and Jeremiah's his brothr are on a bronze marker on Court House, Paris, Ky. provided by the D. A. R. for Revolutionary War Soldiers burried in Bourbon, County.

Mrs. Molly James, Paris, Ky. is the family historian for this family, at this time. This family is one of the finest in America and has many fine members. I am sorry I could not have known Mrs. Patten personally. I have had two letters from her written by her during the past year. She was ninety five years old and her hand writing showed the good life she had lived. O. B. N.

SHOWS THE RIGHT SPIRIT

Bloomington, Indiana -Dec. 27, 1936
1316 South Walnut St.

Dear Dr. Nesbit:

The minutes of Richland Church from its beginning until Jan. 1, 1864. A loose leaf sheet of paper signed by Jesse Baker, great grandson of Thomas Nesbit, contained the same story I sent you. (see another item).

Excerpt "-History of Congregation of Disciples at Richland in Monroe Co. Indiana.

Elder Thomas Nesbit, who had lived many years in Nicholas Co. Ky. and whose efforts helped build the old Christian Concord congregation, was the founder of Richland Church. He and his family of eight souls disposed of his old home, prepared his outfit and wended their way westward after many days of travel they reached Bloomington, Ind. in the fall of 1825 when they moved to the land Thomas Nesbit purchased on Richland Creek.

Thomas Nesbit his wife, their son William Nesbit and wife their son Thomas Nesbit Jr. and their daughter Sarah Nesbit, their son in law John Mathers and wife formed the "nucleus of the congregation at Richland Church."

Thomas Nesbit built a log house which was a haven for travelers, a happy meeting place for friends, and church services were held in it until 1838 when the first church building was erected. Thomas Nesbit was the first elder of Richland Church. He was an admirer of Alexander Campbell and Barton W. Stone and a follower of their teachings. He was a

kind, gentle, spiritual man of slight build and courtly bearing. He was a sweet singer and could repeat much of the Bible.

Thomas Nesbit was born in Pennsylvania, Apr. 10, 1769, died in Monroe County, Indiana, Sept. 12, 1861, buried in Richland Cemetery. He married Constance Bennington in Bourbon Co. Ky. Dec. 14, 1790.

She was born May 20, 1767, died October 14, 1854. Eight children.

Susanna	"	Dec. 4, 1791	married	James Mathers
Jane	"	Nov. 8, 1793	"	John Mathers
William	"	Mch. 1, 1796	"	Elizabeth Hall
Rachel	"	June 15, 1799	"	James Foster
John	"	Aug. 4, 1801 (I have no record other than this)		
David	"	Dec. 3, 1803	married	Caroline Campbell
Thomas Jr.	"	May 26, 1805	"	Sarah Beck
Sarah	"	Oct. 14, 1809	"	Preston Tilford

I shall be very happy to give you any records I have that will be of interest to you.

January 24, 1936

Dear Dr. Nesbit:- Here is a small item from Ky. history. "David Byers, Jr. came to Monroe Co., Indiana shortly after Thomas Nesbit, and took up land adjoining Thomas Nesbit. I think Rachel Nesbit Byers may have been Thomas Nesbit's sister, or a relative.

"David Byers, Sr., who died 1817 aged 59 years, a native of Pa., came down the Ohio River on a flat boat 1783 and located in Mason Co., Ky. He married Miss Rachel Nesbit who died 1803. His second wife was Mrs. Elizabeth Ray Turner. Their son David Byers, Jr. was born June 20, 1806 in Nicholas Co., Ky."

I enjoyed reading the material sent me with the pictures of Nisbet House. Now I wish more than ever to make a trip to Scotland. Yours sincerely,

Lura B. Emery (Mrs. Charles R.)

Saint John, N. B.
January 26th, 1937.

Dear Dr. Nesbit:-

Permit me to thank you for the copy of Nesbitology No. 4.

Last summer as a member of the Canadian War Veterans Pilgrimage to Vimy Ridge, I had afterwards an opportunity to go to Scotland. During my stay at Edinburgh, I had a trip to Dirleton Castle, an old seat of one branch of the Nisbet Family. Through the kindness of the present owner of the Estate, I was put in touch with Mr. Robert Chancellor Nisbet from whom I have received a great deal of very interesting data regarding the Family.

I can not trace my family farther back than 1798, when my grandfather James Nisbet came to Canada and settled near Saint John.

Yours very truly,
F. J. Nisbet

Lt.-Col. Fj. Nisbet
105 Union Street,

CONGRATULATIONS MR. ROBNETT

Rev. W. A. and Mrs. Dobson announce the marriage of their daughter, Kathryn Janet, to Mr. Basil Robnett on Saturday November the sixth, Nineteen Hundred and thirty-seven, Montreal, Canada

No wonder we have no letter for publication from Mrs. Dobson. She wrote me a nice birthday letter. Thanks. We wish for Janet a full measure of things that make life worth while. O.B.N.

J. C. Nisbet, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin writes.

My father's name was William Nisbet, whose home and birthplace was Ayr, Scotland. My mother Agnes Woodburn, was born in Kilmarnock, Scotland. My grandfather Nisbet's name was John Nisbet and he recently died in Washington State at the age of 92

Frances M. Hails, 525 So. Lawrence St., Montgomery, Alabama writes.

For years I have been interested in tracing my Nesbitt family history. My mother was Susan Tyler Nesbitt, a great grand daughter of Samuel Nesbitt, of Spartanburg, South Carolina. I have a copy of his will.

The most interesting history of the early generation have been taken from the"SCOTCH WORTHIES", which is on file in the Library of Congress. I have a copy of this, which I will be glad to recopy for you if you do not already have it. I have many notes taken from South Carolina records, First Census of South Carolina, and other South Carolina Revolutionary records, which I found in "Stub Indents for Revolutionary Claims", by Mr. Salley, of Columbia, S.C.

I have the Bible Records of Robert Nesbitt, and other records of this family.

J. R. Nesbit, 411 N. Van Buren Ave., Freeport, Ill. writes.

I was not aware there were so many of the clan in our territory.

I have a skeleton genealogy of our family, beginning with Philip de Nesbyth of Scotland and carried down to the present time. This was compiled by my sister, Miss Maude E. Nesbit, who is head librarian of the Medical Department of the New York State Library at Albany, New York. This book contains photostatic copies of the first Nesbit house in this country, in York County, Pennsylvania. Also a copy of the coat of arms. I am interested in finding the coat of arms in color do you know anything about that?

THE NISBET-LAMBURN REUNION was held at Logansport last Sept., Alice, Allegra and I attended. I took 100 feet of film of that fine crowd. Robert Tollett a member of that clan is sherriff of Miami Co., Indiana. Henry Nisbet of Peru is president for next year.

CONGRATULATIONS. William McGee Endicott and Mary Ann Rose Endicott, of near Cynthiana, Indiana, celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary, Nov. 9, 1937. They live in the same house they went to housekeeping in. Are hale and hearty. They live clean lives, love their God and their fellowmen.

ANCESTORS OF WILBUR D. NESBIT
by Flora B. Nisbet, Zenia, Ohio

James Nisbet a descendant of John Nisbet of Hardhill, with his wife Agnes Taylor Nisbet and children came to this country in 1789. He settled near Chester, South Carolina.

I have no data whatsoever in regard to James Nisbet except that there is a stone in the old Covenanter burying ground with this inscription.

James Nisbet - Died Oct., 1795 - aged near 50 years

and another stone

Nancy Nisbit - wife of James Nisbet - Died Oct. 17th 1802 - aged 50 years

James was the father of four children Samuel, James, John and Katherine. I do not even know the order of their birth.

Samuel left South Carolina and settled in Southern Illinois some place not far from Sparta.

James went to Pennsylvania and I think located at Greenville, and am under the impression that it was a son of his a physician- Frederick who was at Meadville, may have been a grandson. Katherine, the daughter married James Cooper and moved to Cedarville, Ohio. They are both buried in the Tarbox Cemetery which you visited in Cedarville.

John which brings me to one own family line was born in Antrim Ireland and came with his parents to Chester when he was twelve years old. He married Hannah Cooper.

He was born in Ireland in 1777 and she near Chester in 1782. They were both members of the Rocky Creek Church (Covenanter) and both are buried in the old church yard.

They were the parents of eight children

William -not mar. - d. 1847 -bur. S.C.
Hugh " " " 1868 - " Cedarville
Mary " " " 1884 " "
Nancy " " " 1886 " "
James " " " 1855 " "

Robert lived and died in Tennessee - no children
John Cooper - lived and died in Greene Co., Ohio. grandfather of Wilbur D. and Charlie.
Samuel - lived and died at Cedarville - 1885. Samuel married Nancy Bryson they were the parents of five children.

Hannah -(Bradfute) - d. 1898
Nancy " 1906
Robert Bryron " 1881
John A. " 1932
Flora B. I am the sole survivor of this generation of this family. You will see that I know very little of the history of cousins and their children. There is a family of Nisbets in Monmouth, Ill. that I have often thought must be the descendants of James Taylor Nisbet. I think there is a William Nisbet connected with a bank in that place and a sister Miss Jessie Nisbet. Charles N. of Loveland might be able to fill out the history of his grandfathers line. Wilbur D. and Charles were grandsons of John Cooper Nisbet.

I wish I might have been with you when you visited the Tarbox Cemetery near Cedarville. So many laid there are the ones that came from South Carolina following their pastor Rev. Hugh McMillan. The old church where he was pastor many years

of course was torn down many years ago and a new building was put up in Cedarville - pastor and members moving there. Those old Covenanters were not lacking in sentiment for when Dr. McMillan died he was laid just where the pulpit of the old church had stood and where the congregation taking their lunches with them used to assemble for two sermons every Sabbath. What changes a century makes! A few years ago the Cedarville Congregation went into the Presbyterian Denomination and now can sing hymns to the accompaniament of a pipe organ as well as any plain Presbyterians will say they make good working Presbyterians too.

Being reared on the shorter Catechism is good training. I am disgressing quite a bit from family history, but just must tell you about Wilbur D's name the D. grew out of a nickname. His grandmother told me how he got it in Cedarville when he was a little baby he was lying on a bed and she caught his little garments in her hand shook him playfully and said "Oh you little Dickie." Charles who was a year or two older and standing near seemed charmed by the name began calling Dick and Wilbur eventually used this initial.

John Cooper Nisbit, was the father of John and Harvey. John's children were Hugh, William, James, Chestnut, Kate, Estella (died in infancy). Harveys' children were Charles E., Wilbur D., Edward H., John Emerson and Estella (dead) Kate. Charles E. lives at 421 W. 29th St., Indainapolis, Indiana. He has three sons, Lawrence, Roger, and John Harvey.

Wilbur D. (b.1871-d.1927) the poet. He left a widow who was in Washington D. C. last year and three sons. I attended his funeral but have never met his good wife nor his sons.

(Charles E. Nesbit was in Gary and gave me a phone call. I asked him to lunch with me at the Gary Hotel. He gave me some information about his family and promised me more which has not been forthcoming. O.B.N.)

NISBET TARTANS

B. Grant, 12 High Street, Inverness, Scotland can supply Nisbet Tartans. In 1935 he supplied me with ties at 2/6. Saxony cloths 54 inches wide in not less than 3 yards orders at 10/6. Scarf 12 x 54 inches 5/11. The silk tie and saxony are slightly different patterns. Indicating that there may have been two tartans. This is Mr. Grants explanation. He can also supply traveling rugs or robes at 55/, plain on one side, tarten pattern reversed on other. I found him very reliable.

If enough persons desire tartans I think orders to Marshall Field Co., Chicago, Corner State and Washington Streets, attention of Tartan Buyer might induce them to order. I think the price would be about $3.50 per yard. The U. S. duty is 50% plus a pound rate above Grants price.

NISBET COAT OF ARMS

Nisbet of That Ilk

Argent, Three boar's heads erased sable. Unregistered.- Nisbets Heraldic Plates Page 174

A number of families have since registered, making some addition or embelishment thus making it useful for their individual designation.

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John Nesbitt Dowling, of Birmingham, England, who contributed the three noteworthy articles for Nesbetology and which were published in Number 6, "died rather suddenly on November 22, 1937, although his health had been failing during the few previous months, He was in his 89th year and had lived a good life and was blessed with a fine intellect which remained with him to the end," was a sad message from his son, John L. Dowling, conveyed in a letter to C. R. Nesbitt who relayed it.

Dr. Robert Nesbitt considered John Nesbit Dowling the best informed student of Nisbet history and I hope the material he accumulated will be published. It was unfortunate that it could not have been done before his passing.

FROM MRS. MARIAN NESBITT

January 9, 1938.
Montreal

Dear Mr. Nesbitt:

On the first day of this year your booklet reached me and I want to thank you so much for remembering me. And that poem of Wilbur Nesbitts is so worth while what a difference it would make if we would all memorize it and practice it. The whole booklet is interesting and I feel honored to receive it for I have nothing to contribute to it. As the little I know of my husband's relatives, I can't seem to make any claim to any of the numerous clans you write about. I've this past summer heard of some "Nesbitts" living in London, Ontario, and vicinity, and I have been thinking that the next time I drove through that town, I would like to call on them and tell them of all you have done to collect so many interesting items of Nesbitts everywhere. I was also interested to read of the Nesbitt tartan; I must get some for neckties, at least. I'll send for one and if my son likes it, I may get others for grandsons. I am going to write to John Nesbitt in Glasgow to make the purchase for me. He flew from Glasgow to Belfast during his holidays the past summer. He was in Canada and U. S. in summer of 1936. I talked to him about Nesbitts, but except his immediate family, he did not tell me anything.

We are enjoying a real old fashioned winter in Montreal this year. Such a lot of snow, plenty of sunshine, and those who want to skate, or ski, or toboggan can have plenty of either or all. They tell me on the second day of this year, ten thousand people and their ski's came down from the Laurenteans on trains; t'was a record season for Ski trains. Now wishing you all a Happy New Year and again thanks.

Yours truly,
Marion Nesbitt

6025 Eleventh Avenue
Rosemont, Montreal, R. 2.

FROM COUSIN FANNIE WRIGHT WEBB

Franklin, Ind., Jan. 1938.

Dear Cousin:

You are doing a fine bit of work with your Nesbitology and are accomplishing much toward an interested clan spirit. I appreciate what you are doing and are thankful you have strength to do it.

Sometime silence will fall over different members of the family and no one will remember to let you know. I have done that very thing. You met in our yard one summer day my Sister Mary Wright, a nurse. She died February 23, 1936, in the White Cross Hospital at Columbus, Ohio. Ten days before, as she crossed the street to the nurses' home going off duty, an automobile struck her, breaking four ribs on the left side and inflicting other internal injuries. She was picked up unconscious and remained semi-conscious until her death. The nurses dressed her in her uniform and she was buried in the Livonia Cemetery beside her father and mother. She is the fourth Mary of the Line. Mary Martin Wright, born 1885; Mary B. Martin, born 1814; Mary Berry Nesbit, born 1779; and an unmarked grave, Mary Berry Nesbit, born 1748, died 1828. All are buried in the Livonia Cemetery. My other sister, Grace Wright, now lives with us.

I intended to acknowledge "Nesbitology" as my custom has been about two or three months after receiving it, but before that time last year, 1937, I took sick myself and from the last of March until July I fought Streptecocci sore throat infection, chills, and other complications until the first of June, the doctor began giving me new Strep tablets. Part of the time Mr. Webb was also in bed, so the nurse had two patients at once. He became worse and in November he had a major operation and was in the hospital for thirteen days. We are now at home and behaving without the aid of nurses and doctors and hoping the new year is kinder to us than 1937 was.

Our daughter, Mrs. R. W. Noyes, has now moved to 700 University Avenue, Syracuse, New York where her husband is Librarian of Maxwell School of Citizenship. She has found a Miss Nesbit there, but I have lost her address. Our other daughter lives now in Tucson, Arizona, Bethel Webb, 914 North Second Avenue.

My family told me the flowers in the yard were lovely last year, and they brought bouquets to my room. The iris bloomed beautifully, but when my husband also went off the job of caring for them, the yard grew up in weeds for it took all the forces in our household to care for the sick. The flowers did their brave best alone as in their wild state.

I did not know anyone having the name of McIlvam in Washington Co. There is a family or two in Johnson Co. by that name.

I have been trying for a long time to find out if Samuel Nesbit was a Revolutionary Soldier, but have not yet been successful. Have any of the clan made any efforts along that line? If they have and will write to me, perhaps we could

band together and get the needed knowledge without crowding Nesbitology with conjectures.

I would like to join with the others and get a marker placed at G. G. Grandmother Nesbit's grave, and I know of some one at Livonia who could attend to the work, but I was in hopes we could get information to put on the marker that she was the wife of a Revolutionary soldier. In that lot the graves are placed so very close that one undertaker lately complained.

I notice you have a book called "Letters of Mary Nesbit" by Nesbit Hamilton Grant (see Nesbitology No. 5, Jan., 1937). Is it of any value as genealogical matter? Looks as if someone would have preserved information about the Revolutionary War record of Samuel Nesbit, our Kentucky great great Grandfather if we just could find it.

I think it would be quite a thrill if the Samuel and Mary Nesbit Ancestors could all visit the Livonia Cemetary and the grave of Grandmother Mary Berry Nesbit Martin at the same time, but since my last year's sickness, I do not plan anything. It should have marker of some kind.

Nevertheless, we cannot expect to do everything we plan, but are content to leave it undone for sometime someone will enjoy going over the same work we have done and perhaps they will go farther along the road to accomplishment.

Aunt Phebe Wright preserved the fact that Grandmother Nesbit is buried there and it would be nice if others would remember the place, although I am no Chinese Ancestor worshiper. I wish there are some in the Nesbit Clan who would search the records for the Revolutionary War Record of Samuel Nesbit whose wife's name was Mary Barry. It takes someone who understands how and genealogists charge by the hour and do not care either.

I hope you and your wife and Alegra are well, and we hope to see you sometime at Franklin or Livonia.

Mr. Webb joins me in sending love to the family.

Sincerely your cousin,
(Mrs. Wallace) Fannie Wright Webb

1004 E. King St.
Franklin, Ind.

(The War Department records do not show that Samuel was in the service during the Revolutionary or 1812 Wars. The tax records of Harrison Co., Kentucky, 1813, show that he was in Capt. Gray's Co.)

O. B. N.

A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL WRITES

32 Marmont St., Niles, Mich., Jan. 30, 1938

Dear Mr. Nesbit:

I wish to express my deepest appreciation for your last copy of Nesbitology. I read it immediately upon deliverance and enjoyed it very much. Each copy seems to be much more interesting than the one preceeding. Thank you for sending me this last important copy.

We understand that your family was in Niles and tried to locate us sometime last fall. It was a sad disappointment to know that you were here and we didn't have the opportunity to meet. However, I hope there will soon be another occasion for our acquaintance. Now that you have our address, we will expect to hear from you soon.

My father would like to know what relation his grandmother, Mrs. America Ann Painter (formerly Miss Nesbit), is to the Nesbits.

Sincerely,
Ruth Painter

(Ans. She was a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Thomas) Nesbit and my father's sister.)
O. B. N.

KATHRYN WANTS TO CORRESPOND WITH A NESBIT IN SCOTLAND

Lodi, California

Dear Uncle Otis:

I am not sure whether you can place me in your Nesbitology or not, but I am the daughter of Paul Nesbit of California and the granddaughter of your brother Rev. Samuel A. Nesbit. I am twelve years of age and am in the seventh grade.

I wish to correspond with some Nesbit of Scotland. My father said he thoughtyou might be able to find someone with whom I could carry on a correspondence. I should like to write to some girl about my age or older. I have your Nesbitology.

Mother and Daddy think it very interesting and are pleased to receive it.

My father suggests that Cousin Beatrice may be able to send me the address of some child in Singapore who would like to correspond with me.

I have quite a few friends who have been fortunate in finding some of their relatives and other children with whom they are carrying on a correspondence. There is one in particular who is writing to some of her relatives. She is a descendant from some family in Scotland and she says that she finds it very interesting. I hope I shall be as fortunate as she.

Love,
Kathryn Lucille Nesbit

MRS. CLINE MEETS HER COUSIN MRS. EMERY

2418 Pinehurst Blvd.
Shreveport, Louisiana, March 30, 1938

Am sorry I have delayed writing so long to thank you for the copy of "Nesbitology" you sent me. I really believe I have enjoyed it more than any; probably because there was so much about my own particular family that was sent you by Mrs. Emery of Bloomington. I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Emery last April in Washington while we both attended

the D. A. R. Congress. I was so glad to see Mrs. Emery as she is the first of the Nesbit family it has ever been my pleasure to know. We were both very busy and had very little time together, but it was a very pleasant few minutes and we talked Nesbit all the time. I would like so much to know personally more of the members of the Nesbit family and perhaps I may some day.

We had very little winter and the trees and flowers are beautiful now. The roses were never prettier. We have had quite a lot of rain recently and it looks as if we will get more. Have had a few storms near us, but so far, Shreveport has escaped.

Please accept my thanks for "Nesbitology"; I do enjoy it so much and only wish I had something of family interest to send you, but haven't a thing at this time.

Very best wishes, sincerely
Jane Wiley Cline (Mrs. G. L.)

FROM DR. EDWARD R. NISBET

Houston, Texas, January 25, 1938

A brief outline of my branch of the family may be of interest to you, so I will give you the information of my command. My full name is Edward Robb Nisbet, only living son of Rev. William Alonzo Nisbet, A.B.B.D., D.D., now 79 years old, a retired Presbyterian minister, and Leila Robb, daughter of Colonel Alfred Robb, a confederate soldier, who was killed in the battle of Fort Donaldson, Tennessee. He was of Scotch descent also.

My father was pastor of the Hull Memorial Presbyterian Church, Savannah, Georgia, for twenty-five years, (my birthplace.) He was born in Jones County, Georgia, where our family has lived for many years, moving to North Georgia in colonial days from South Carolina, I believe.

My grandfather was John Nisbet, son of Robert Nisbet, (who, tradition says, fought the British at New Orleans in the War of 1812) died 1924.

Robert was the son of James Nisbet, who was born in Belfast, Ireland, coming to America as a child in company with his parents and six brothers. My father had three half brothers and one own brother, Keith Nisbet, a lawyer, who died a year ago in Florida. The half brothers were Robert, Eugenius, and Hugh. Robert Nisbet, M.D. practiced medicine about forty years in Haperville, Georgia.

Our family is quite numerous in North Georgia; they have been largely plantation owners and professional men.

The first man to occupy the bench of Georgia's Supreme Court was Eugenius or Genius Nisbet. (note: James Nisbet's parents came from Scotland to Ireland.)

There is some reason, however, to believe that our forebearers first came to Pennsylvania, later moving to South Carolina, thence to Georgia. My father and Uncle Bob have

often told me that we traced our ancestry to one John Nisbet of Scotland, a Covanantor, who after being a fugitive from one of the Stuarts, was at last caught and hanged because of his refusal to recant his religious connections. This John Nisbet had a title and was a landed gentleman. The Crown confiscated all his property, however.

A friend of mine visited Nisbet House about a year ago and had the pleasure of talking with Mr. William Chancellor Nesbitt.

I am thirty-seven years old, married and have three beautiful children, William Robb, Janet Lucille, and John Edward. My wife is Lois Welling Nisbet and is related to the old Scottish family Galoway, this being her mother's maiden name.

My Grandfather, John Nisbet, married three times. Several daughters were born, but I do not remember their names.

I have always been deeply interested in Scottish History and especially in the origin and early history of the Nisbet Family.

Sir Walter Scott, in the footnotes to The Waverly Novels, refers to Nisbets several times, as you probably know.

Is it your personal opinion that the Nisbet family is primarily of Norman French origin, purely Scotch from the Earl of Norththumberland, (cousin of Malcolm Canmore, King of Scotts) or as some historians state, descended from the Saxon Thor? (I don't know. O.B.N.)

Please accept my appreciation for the effort made in publishing "Nesbitology."

The information I have received has indeed been of value and real satisfaction. More power to you, Doctor Nesbit. It seems to me that the Nesbits and Nisbets should appoint you to the post of Official Family Historian.

I will very much appreciate a copy of Nesbitology, Number 6, published January, 1938.

With every good wish,
I am,
Very truly yours,
Edward R. Nisbet

Southern Standard Life Building.

NORMAN HILL NESBITT DIES: EX-JOURNALIST AND TEACHER

Oakland, California, November 21, 1937--Norman Hill Nesbitt, 62, former journalist in India and a teacher of French, died here today. He was a son of the late John Nesbitt, former painter in the Scottish academy and a nephew of Prof. De Sumicrast of Harvard University, lately retired. His widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Booth Nesbitt, is a niece of the late Edwin Booth, actor.

MRS. G. W. NESBIT - 1938

Cynthiana, Kentucky, February 20--Mrs. Eliza Nesbit, 95, widow of G. W. Nesbit, died today at her home near Conry. She was a native of Harrison County, a daughter of Patterson and Mary Eliza Smith, and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ed. Cummins and Miss Emma Nesbit, and a son, W. F. Nesbit. She was a member of the Conry Methodist Episcopal Church. Funeral services will be held at the Antioch Christian Church Monday.

Newspaper clipping sent by Mollie James.

LADY MARY FAITH MONTAGUE TO WED CALIFORNIAN WRITER

New York, January 9, 1937--Announcement has been made in London of the engagement of Lady Mary Faith Montague, elder daughter of the Earl and Countess of Sandwich, to Phillip Nesbitt of Carmel, California, who is now in London. Lady Mary is a granddaughter through her mother, the former Miss Alberta Sturges, of the late William Sturges of Chicago and of the late Mrs. Francis H. Legett of England and Stone Ridge, New York. Mr. Nesbit is an artist and writer.--Chicago Tribune.

WALTER NESBIT, POWER IN LABOR RANKS, DIES AT 60

Belleville, Illinois, December 6, 1938--Walter Nesbit, 60 years old, former Democratic congressman at large from Illinois, died today. He had been ill about a month.

Nesbit was born here in 1878. Entering the downstate coal mines as a boy, he worked in the pits for almost twenty years. In 1917 he was elected secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America for the Illinois district, a post which he held until his death. He was elected to congress in 1932 and served one term. He was influential in the ranks of coal miners and of organized labor generally. Surviving him are his widow and four children.--Tribune, Chicago.

THOMAS NESBIT

Rev. W. C. Rogers in Recollections of Men of Faith, Christian Pub. Co., 1889, quotes Rev. John Rogers as writing, "In the meantime, the church at Concord and Carlisle, (Ky.) having no regular settled preacher, urged me to come and settle among them. I accepted their invitation, and in the fall of 1823 sold out my little property at Ruddell's Mills, (Bourbon Co., Ky.) and moved to the vicinity of Carlisle, Kentucky, and spent the winter of 1823-24 in an upper room

of the house now (1862) occupied by our Sister Sims. The house and farm connected with it then belonging to the venerable and beloved Thomas Nesbit, who but recently died in Indiana full of years and honors. He was indeed a remarkable man.

My family then consisted of a wife and one young child. Father and Mother Nesbit and the family took us into their home and gave us the exclusive use of one of the upper rooms, and a place to keep my horse until spring. I can never forget the kindness of that family. Sister Nesbit was an excellent woman, a mother in Israel, an Israelite indeed. Thomas Nesbit was the leading spirit in the Church at Concord and Carlisle. He was universally beloved and respected. Though uneducated in the popular sense of that word, he was possessed of remarkable natural endowments, and deeply read in the Holy Scriptures. He had fine judgment, a great share of common sense, and deep piety without moroseness; Christian dignity, with childlike simplicity; cheerfulness, without levity. Eternity only will reveal the obligations of this church to him under God, during the long period of his connection with it. He also did a great deal in building up and sustaining the church at Richland, Indiana. He was a man who, by the grace of God, had remarkable control of his temper. During a long and very intimate acquaintance with him, I never saw him out of temper. He was the soul of the prayer-meetings, taking the lead, and interspersing the exercises with brief, spirited, and sensible exhortations. He was often sent for to visit the sick, and to hold prayer-meetings in different neighborhoods, having the confidence of all who knew him. A characteristic anecdote will close what I have to say, in passing, of this good man. In the early settlement of this country, some sixty years ago, there were light-fingered persons as well as now, who occasionally helped themselves, under the cover of the night, to articles belonging to their neighbors. One night, Father Nesbit came upon a neighbor, suddenly, in his corn-crib, filling his bag with corn. He would gladly have escaped detection, but it was impossible. His neighbor was upon him; he was known. He helped him fill his bag, and helped him with it on his horse, and then gave him a kind lecture, and urged him to reform. Said he, "If you will do so no more, I will never expose you; and if you are at any time in need, come to me and I will divide with you."

(The above book was presented to me by my brother Samuel A. Nesbit while visiting him in July, 1938, at Richmond, California. I have copied the above as several descendants of Thomas are anxious for news about him. O.B.N.)

TAUGHT CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Fort Wayne--Rev. William N. Vincent, Presbyterian minister here, once taught English to Chiang Kai Shek, China's generalissimo, and Feng Yu-Hsiang, Chinese general. It was while all three were students at Yen-Ching, (Peiping) University in 1923.

Lillian Gayle of Manhatten, Montana, sent a couple of letters and the following clippings from a Bozeman paper:

Sam H. Nesbit, 72, grandfather of Raymond Nesbit, 803 South Fifth, Bozeman, Montana, died in Livingston, Montana, May 28, 1938, according to word received here. Other survivors include the widow, Mrs. Annie Nesbit, Livingston, and three sons, Millard Nesbit, Mexico; Wendell Nesbet, Denver; and Sidney Nesbit, Livingston.

Funeral services held in the Masonic Hall.--May 31, 1938.

HENRY C. NESBITT OF WHITE HOUSE STAFF IS DEAD

Washington, D. C., January 6, 1938--Henry C. Nesbitt, for the last five years custodian of the White House, died of heart disease at his home late yesterday. He was 72 years of age. President and Mrs. Roosevelt sent expressions of sympathy to his widow, who is housekeeper of the White House. Mrs. Roosevelt personally called on Mrs. Nesbitt to express her sympathy.

Mr. Nesbitt was born in County Cavan, Ulster, Ireland, and came to the United States as a young man with his parents.

About twelve years ago Mr. Nesbitt moved to Dutchess County, New York, and took up farming. When the President came to the White House, he brought the Nesbitts with him.

Schoolcraft, Michigan, January 23, 1938

Dear Sir: I wish to thank you for sending the pictures of Nesbitt house.

This is all I know of my ancestors, my great grandfather and great grandmother George and Mary Nesbitt came here in 1830 from Crumlin Co., Ireland. I have heard my father say that our name is Scotch; but during some religious insurrection in Scotland, our people left and went to Ireland where they remained. The older ones are all gone so I have no one to ask about the family. My father passed away two years ago and he knew only what I have told you.

I am Fraternally,
Mrs. Kathryn N. Southworth

P. O. Box 25.

Princeton, Indiana, January 17, 1938

Dear Cousin Otis:

Received your Nesbitology of January and I wish to thank you for sending me a copy of the same. I sat down and read it thru as soon as I received it.

"I was pleased to get John N. Dowling's history of the Nisbet lands in Berwick Shire, Scotland, and how it came to have the name Nesbite and Manor House being "Dilstar Hall" previous.

This is a new explanation of the meaning of the name Nesbit so far as I have heard. Mrs. Blanche Hartman of Pittsburgh thinks the noble family of Nisbet who lived in "Nisbet House" were descendents of Gospatric of Northumberland and this history by Mr. Downing would seem to favor this. From what I have read, Nisbet later became a place name so that all who live in the "Land of Nisbet" were called by that name, and I have never been able to learn whether my ancestors came from the common tribe or from the noble family. Mrs. Hartman says since the youngest brother of the five brothers who came from Roxburg Shire, Scotland, was called a "Cadet" would indicate they belong to the noble family as at that time the younger sons of the noble families were called cadets. But I cannot see that it makes any difference to me or my family whether we descended from the noble family or the common tribe; it is only a matter of curiosity.

I note that Mrs. Lura B. Emery of Bloomington speaks of her father, Thomas Nesbit, was born in Pennsylvania; if he came from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, he probably belongs to our Nesbit relations or from Lawrence County, Pennsylvania.

I was interested in the letter of Flora B. Nesbit of Xenia, Ohio. When I attended Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois, I became acquainted with James Nisbet who came from Cedarville, Ohio to Monmouth. He married a Miss Campbell and had a family of at least three girls and one boy; two of the older girls were in college with me. Nettie, the oldest, married a dentist, Dr. Wingate, and I think they live in Chicago. William, the only son, is a cashier in one of the banks in Monmouth. They were loyal members of the United Presbyterian Church; but the girls would not admit they were any relation to me as they spelled their name Nisbet and I spelled it Nesbit. I understood their ancestor emigrated from Chester, South Carolina."

With kindest regards and many thanks for the Nesbitology I am,

Very cordially yours,
John Pratt Nesbit

(John Pratt has resigned as pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at Princeton, Indiana, and retired. He is living in a country parsonage eight miles from Greenwich, New York. He is supplying for the South Argyle Congregation the church in which his mother was reared.)

In Memoriam
JOHN ALLISON NESBITT
1878 - 1937

John A. Nesbitt was born near Colora, Cecil County, Maryland, on February 11, 1878. His paternal ancestors came to this country in 1765 and after landing at New Castle, Delaware, settled in Cecil County, where descendants of the family have lived ever since. Mr. Nesbitt's early years were spent on a farm, and from that experience he gained the deep love of nature that refreshed him all his life. Not long ago,

he told his congregation of the joy he felt a few days before in finding arbutus on a hillside, where he had picked it when he was a child. Under the loving guidance of a deeply religious mother, and in the happy companionship of two sisters and two brothers, his boyhood was passed.

After graduating from West Nottingham Academy, located not far from his home, he taught school for two years. Through the influence of one of his teachers, John G. Connor, he had already resolved to enter the ministery. To this end, he graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1905. Studious habits, formed in his college days, remained with him, and he gathered around him, as the years unrolled, an extensive library in which he found delight. His tastes in reading were wide, but he had a special love for poetry, and he often shared with his congregation memorable passages that he had come upon.

His life was to find its fullest expression in his ministery in the Catonsville Presbyterian Church, but he served in other ways, as well. He was Moderator of the Presbytery of Baltimore in 1920 and of the Synod of Baltimore in 1923. He went as Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in 1916 and again in 1925. He was Chairman of the Education Committee of the Baltimore Presbytery, a member of its National Missions Committee, and for a number of years was the Chairman of its Committee on Vacancy and Supply. Believing in the value of first grade education under definitely religious auspices and cherishing the fine historical background of West Nottingham Academy, he worked diligently for its renewal and strengthening. Of its governing board, he became a Trustee in 1920, and since 1928, its President. During the World War, he spent nine months in France as a Chaplain with the American Expeditionary Force, serving in Base Hospital 53 at Langres.

From the Seminary he came at once to Baltimore, and after ordination by the Presbytery of Baltimore, on November 9, 1905, he was installed as pastor of the Catonville Presbyterian Church, then located at Frederick Road and St. Timothy's Lane. It was his first and only charge. During his ministery, the church developed in organization, increased in numbers and gifts, and widened the scope of its interests. The building of St. Timothy's Lane became too small for its congregation and its rapidly growing Sunday School, and in 1921 it was moved to its present location on the corner of Beechwood Avenue. First the Sunday School building, and then nine years later the main auditorium was erected. To the vision, zeal, and faith of Mr. Nesbitt, above all others, the congregation owes its present well equipped and beautiful church: for many years to come, it will stand as a monument of the work to which he gave his life.

In 1909 Mr. Nesbitt was married to Elizabeth Wilson Whiteley; their home became a center of hospitality, and in all of Mr. Nesbitt's efforts for the promotion of Christ's kingdom in Catonsville and to the ends of the earth, she has had an active part. As their daughter and their son have grown to womanhood and manhood, they, too, have shared the ideals of their parents, and strengthened their work.

Not only has Mr. Nesbitt labored in his own church, but he has cooperated in every movement in Catonsville for educational advancement, social welfare, and interdenominational fellowship.

For the comfort and blessing of his beautiful prayers at the morning service, for the helpful thoughts in his sermons, for his continuous work for the welfare of the children and the young people, Mr. Nesbitt's congregation will always be deeply grateful, but it is as a pastor, that he will be most lovingly remembered. For nearly thirty-two years, he has carried, as his own, the problems and the joys and sorrows of his people. His going has left an empty place in many hearts and in many homes.

In the first sermon of his pastorate, he took for his text: "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." In his last sermon referring to the text on the back of the pulpit: "Sirs, we would see Jesus," Mr. Nesbitt said that in all of his ministery, his one aim has been to lift up Christ. Beginning and ending, he had the same great purpose. May we now, for our comfort, hear him like Paul of old, say to us: "I have kept the faith, henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." To him in the fullness of life, has come swiftly the final call: "Well done, good and faithful servant: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

ANOTHER NESBIT POET

Fringe of the Dawn, a first book of poems, by Blanche T. Hartman gives definite proof that this poet is second to none among the published poets of Pittsburgh. A criticism has been made that to many unusual words were used, but the edition is limited and we common folks are not expected to be interested.

Price $1.75
Mrs. Galen C. Hartman
Bellefield Dwellings
4400 and Center Avenues
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

CAN YOU HELP HER?

East Main Terrace, Spartanburg, S.C.
July 31, 1938

A friend of mine told me about you sending out a paper called "Nesbitology." I would like very much to get it as I belong to that "Clan."

I have been very unlucky in tracing the Nesbitts any farther than my great great grandfather Jonathan Nesbitt, B. 1736, married Elizabeth McGrady. They came to South Carolina from Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia. I have tried for years to trace them, but it seems the older ones in the family did not care enough to keep up with them. I am very much interested and would like to know more about the family. I will appreciate any information anyone can give me.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours sincerely,
Agnes Nesbitt Clark
(Mrs. Newton G.)

MISS ZULA YOUNG

The teachers at the grade school have their work running smoothly after a week of getting books and all adjustments made. As usual Miss Zula Young has the beginners, and as both the mothers and the little tots are happy, for Miss Zula is one of the grandest primary teachers in anybody's school room. By her gentle manner, her quiet dignity, she has influenced the lives of hundreds who look back on their first year of school as one of the bright spots of their formal education.

Highland, Kansas, Vidette, September 6, 1938

NOTES FROM LETTERS DURING 1938

Miss Mabel McLaughlin sent a letter mailed December 19, 1938, at which time her mother (Mrs. Ann) was eating some Fannie May Chocolates we sent her and enjoying her Christmas tree which was already up. I wish all the Nesbits could know this fine family.

Mrs. Ethel Dobson, 266 Lansdowne Avenue, Westmount, Quebec, Canada, writes December 18, 1938 that her good husband, Rev. W. A. Dobson, who had been pastor of the United Church at Montreal, had passed away a short time before. After a short illness and an operation.

She and two of her children, Nesbitt and Anna, are living at the above address, that they can be near the Great St. Lawrence River, where Nesbitt can sail and the children can skate and ski.

She boasts of her new city being beautifully built and wellkept. One of the federation of cities that make up Greater Montreal.

She is planning another letter to the clan.

Her married daughter, Mrs. Janet Robnett, was unable to be home for Christmas.

(I have heard from reliable sources that Rev. Dobson was one of the most revered pastors in Montreal, a scholar and gentleman whose passing is greatly mourned. My sympathy to this good family. O.B.N.)

Harold R. King graduated from the Robinson Kansas Rural High School, May 19, 1938. He is the son of King and Grace Young King. Congratulations, Harold; sorry I missed you last fall.

John Nesbet, the radio commentator of the "Passing Parade" is author of "The House of Melody," a love song set to music by Meredith Willson.

John Swinney, 225 Brand Street, Glendale, California, was the cause of me wasting two hours and having to buy Brother Edward and Lon Bobo, Jr. a twenty-five cent dinner, as I was trying to locate him without having his address. Had I located him, I would have also found his sister Dorothy, a teacher in the Wichita, Kansas, schools and a brother Gordon, a student at Kansas University also as they were visiting him. These with Robert of Cincinnati constituted a fine quartette of young people whose mother is Mrs. Rozette Swinney, one of my good looking nieces.

Mrs. Fannie Hansford, mother of Dr. Hazel Hansford Stevens of the Indianapolis Family Welfare Society writes that her mother passed away April 1, 1938, at the Methodist Hospital at Indianapolis, after a lingering illness.

Her body was interred in the Clear Creek Cemetery near Bloomington, where Rev. Thomas Nisbet and many Nisbets are buried. Dr. Hazel belongs to the Rev. Thomas Nisbet family.

She also enclosed a clipping giving an account of the death of William H. Mathers, 22 year old son of Professor Frank C. Mathers of Indiana University Chemistry Department.

William died at Rochester, Minnesota. He received an A.B. degree at Indiana University in Chemistry last June. A brother Thomas is a student at Harvard University Law School.

Dr. Norman B. Nesbitt, dental expert from Harvard University, was one of the speakers at the last session of the Indiana State Dental Society at Indianapolis.

Joseph Wilbur Nesbit, son of Rev. B. R. Nesbit, pastor of the First M. E. Church at South Bend, Indiana, was married by his father to Miss Alsie Corn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Corn. Owen Nesbit, a brother, was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nesbit of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nesbit of Terre Haute, Indiana, were among the guests.

They will reside at 307 West 43rd Street, South Bend, Indiana.

Edward and Charles Nesbitt, 6554 Basworth Avenue, Chicago, twins 18 years old in 1937, registered in Loyola University.

John J. Nesbitt, and two sons under the name of John J. Nesbitt, Inc., Holmesburg, Philadelphia, manufacture modern heating and ventilating units which it calls The Nesbitt Syncretizer. This family is from Ireland and was located at Atlantic City, New Jersey, for a time.

LETTERS OR CARDS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:

F. J. Nisbet, District Superintendent, St. John, N. B. Canada
Mrs. Estella Ulrich, 293 W. 3rd St., Peru, Indiana
Henry V. Nisbet, 66 N. Clay St., Peru, Indiana
Mrs. Mollie James, 116 Duncan Ave., Paris, ~~Mo.~~ Ky.
Lura B. Emery, 1316 S. Walnut St., Bloomington, Indiana
Miss Clare McCoy, 807 Macon Ave., Cannon City, Colo.
J. B. McCray, Waketo, Okla.
Mr. and Mrs. John Nesbit, Albion, Indiana
Robert, Corinne, and Toni Swinney, 2601 Briar Cliff, Cincinnati, Ohio
Miss Elizabeth McLaughlin, 324 North Main St., Henderson, Ky.

FIRST BATTLE OF NESBIT

"The same year (1355) in the month of August, the Earl of March and William, Lord of Douglas, finding it hard to brook the depredations which had lately been committed by the English on the aforesaid Earl's lands, sent a valiant man of tried prowess--the Lord William of Ramsey, Knight--with a great many men, to the marches, to plunder the town of Norham and the whole of the outlying lands, and the dwellers therein.

This was accordingly done. When hard pressed by the enemy, he held his ground for a while, as best he could; but he soon made a faint of fleeing, and purposely drew them on, as had been planned, to a certain place called Nesbit, where he well knew that the aforesaid Lord of Douglas was lurking with his Scots and Frenchmen, and waiting to see how things would turn out. Then quickly putting the spur of a hill between him and the enemy, he came to the Scots, and brought them good news of the coming of the English. The Scots rose from their seats, and hastened merrily to meet them. But the English, thunder struck at the sight of them thus unexpectedly, and knowing full well the aforesaid Lord's ensigns and banners, could not now with honour flee; so they staked their lives upon their own powers, and manfully fought it out with the Scots. Since, however, even the strong must needs be overcome by stronger, and the weaker side be tripped up, the Scots, thank God, prevailed against them, and they were all subdued and overthrown. A few indeed, were slain; and the remainder, except a few who fled, were led away scathless into captivity, and kept closely guarded in divers places. These were afterwards ransomed for much gold and silver and other substance.

On that day there fell, on the side of the Scots, John of Haliburton, a brave and warlike man, who had always given the English great trouble. But on the other side were taken the Lord Thomas Grey, a noble Knight; with Thomas, his son and heir; and a brave and famous Squire named James Darres, with a great many other gallant English nobles." From "The Historians of Scotland" Vol. IV--Fordun's Chronicle.

SECOND BATTLE OF NISBET MOOR, BERWICKSHIRE

"At the battle of Nisbet Moor in Berwickshire, the numbers engaged were inconsiderable, but it was hotly contested on either side. The Scots numbered only 400, but they were admirable armed and well mounted. Their leader was a brave knight, Sir Patrick Hepburn, younger of Hailes. Returning from a foraying expedition into Northumberland, they were overtaken by Percy and March. The English strength would be about equal to that of the Scots at first, and for a long time the contest was keen and the issue doubtful; but the former were reinforced by 200 men from the garrison at Berwick, under the Master of Dunbar, March's son, and this decided the fortune of the day in favour of the English. Hepburn was slain, and many brave knights either shared his fate or were taken prisoners; the battle was fought on June 22nd, 1402." (Border Battles and Battlefields by James Robson.)

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Special Samuel Franklin Nisbet Edition

INTRODUCTION and ACKNOWLEDGMENT

In presenting the following data on Mary Berry and her descendants, I have had to omit much more material than I have included.

I hope to send out outlines of the families of John, James, Robert and William Nisbet, Rebeccah Lewis, Margaret Nisbet, Mary Martin, Elizabeth McIlvain, the known children of Samuel and Mary Berry Nisbet, and to try and establish the two other girls. I have included in the table Jane and Isabelle as probable daughters but I have a feeling that this Isabelle does not belong and the Jane may have been a Jane who married William Robinson in 1813.

My chief reason has been to afford myself the satisfaction of building a "family tree" and to ascertain some family traits that have stood out and I believe heredity has been responsible.

I did not know the names of my grandparents when I started, nor did my living brothers and sisters. None of us now know who our maternal grandmother was. We only know her as a widow, Mrs. Mary Auld. If you will read and note errors, I would be glad to have you inform me and supply additional data. Someone may strike pay dirt or oil and want to publish a book or provide the means to do so.

In our immediate families I have found no criminal records, little insanity, very little cancer, numerous cases of heart disease, usually after sixty years old. Many have lived long lives. Usually all were honored and well respected. They were generally religious people, about every church being represented. There have been many preachers, a few lawyers and some politicians and many teachers, farmers, mechanics and doctors.

Every war since the Revolutionary has found its members in the ranks. The Civil War found them on both sides. My grandfather was in the War of 1812. I cannot establish a Revolutionary War record for my great grandfather but some believe he participated.

I have never been able to locate any of the descendants of John Berry except Mary. I believe the Berry family of Kentucky belong but their histories say they belong to the Berry family which was one of the "first families of Virginia", but I have never been able to find one of them who knew their Virginia ancestors' name. I can now name mine, at any rate.

The different ways of spelling Nisbet is of no concern. The same person spelled the name differently at times. Dr. Robert Nisbett found the name twenty-six ways in Scotland. In Ireland it differs. It certainly differs in the United States and Canada.

James Templer was recorded "er" on deeds made in Ohio, U.S. Census 1850 and also in his will. Edward Templar Nesbit uses "ar", but he is not a son of his father as his father spelled his name Nisbet. Mary Templer is the way it appears in marriage return in Missouri.

Emery Otis Cartmell, Mildred Nisbet Bob, Linna Hardy, Mrs. Annie Mathews, Zula Young, Nannie Nesbit, my brothers and their wives,

Beatrice Oppenheim, Allegra Nesbit have aided especially in gathering material concerning the families. My wife, Alice has been most helpful. Miss Mable McLaughlin has contributed a volume on the James Nisbet, Aaron Lewis, the Endicotts and allied families which I hope to review in a special number.

Mrs. Fannie Webb has the Mary Martin material well organized. A bad heart has slowed up her activities.

To these and all who have sent me material, accept my thanks.

The trips I have taken with my family have had me to Missouri, Kansas, Kentucky, Virginia, the Congressional Library at Washington, D.C., the Newberry Library, Chicago, all over southern Indiana and to Michigan. We have met many fine Nesbits. I am very proud of them. Most of them are very ignorant about family history. Great quantities of traditions. Small amount of documentary evidence. The number of Bibles destroyed by fires is astonishing. In our instance, the family Bible was sealed in the box at a corner stone laying of a Church in Southern Indiana. I hope some member of the clan will be present when it is opened.

I have sent out previously articles on the origin of the family, its lands, armour and name. If you do not have these, write for what is missing.

This volume is dedicated to my daughters, my nephew and nieces and their children, and in some instances their grand-children.

In a good genealogical record the important items are names, date of birth, date and place of marriage, date of deaths, children, burials, place, name of wife or husband with above data, parents names and as much of the above items as possible with items of achievements, occupation, church, lodge affiliations, war records, offices, copy of wills interesting items with source.

Many people fail to reply to inquiries because of meager information and put it off intending to attend to it later. A good plan would be to send what you have, and make subsequent reports.

With apologies, I present this for what it is worth.

My hope is that it will stimulate an interest in collecting and preserving good family records.

May you all have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

OTIS BURGESS NESBIT

John Berry
d. 1771, Virginia

Ireland (?)

Mary Berry
b. 1748
d. October 22, 1828
bur. Livonia, Indiana on
Alexander Martin's lot

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Samuel Nisbet
b. 1754 - Scotland (?)
d. 1814 - near Cynthiana,
Harrison County, Kentucky

June 1, 1813, Harrison Co., Kentucky

Samuel Nisbet
b. March 1, 1781
d. September 1, 1866
bur. Stoutsville, Missouri
85 y. 6 m. bur. on old farm

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Nancy M. Thomas
b. February, 1793 (?)
(1792 U.S. Census 1850)
d. August 13, 1869
76 y. 6 m.
bur. on old farm
dau. John Thomas

November 6, 1846, Fillmore, Missouri

Samuel F. Nisbet
b. June 9, 1823
Harrison County, Kentucky
d. December 23, 1895
Washington County, Kansas
bur. Washington County, Kansas

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Mary Templar
b. January 18, 1831
Mount Vernon, Ohio
d. August 30, 1916
Richmond, California
dau. James Templar and
Mrs. Mary Auld
bur. Richmond, California

June 22, 1895, Valparaiso, Indiana

Otis B. Nesbit
b. January 31, 1871
Severance, Kansas
Res. Gary, Indiana
Children:
Allegra Mary Nesbit
b. June 2, 1900
Beatrice Templar Nesbit

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Alice Vincent
b. June 22, 1872
Lake County, Indiana
dau. Dr. A.W. Vincent and
Mary (Wood) Vincent

May 5, 1930, Chicago, Illinois

Beatrice Templar Nesbit
b. December 6, 1903

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Alexander Oppenheim
b. February 4, 1902,
Manchester, England

Judith Oppenheim
b. August 17, 1935
Chicago, Illinois

JOHN BERRY

John Berry is the first progenitor that I have been able to locate and our first knowledge connecting him with the Nesbit line is found in his Will (A) probated in Augusta County, Virginia, in 1771. He names Mary, his daughter, and in the same item of the will, it gives John Neesbit his legacy. The Will is dated October 10, 1770, and was probated March 22, 1771, which would fix his death between these dates. He was a landowner of land situated in the Borden tract located along the Shenandoah Valley which was settled mostly with the Scotch-Irish.

JOHN BERRY'S WILL

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I, John Berry, of the County of Augusta and Colloney of Virginia, being weakly of body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to Almighty God, therefore considering the mortallity of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do make & ordain this my last will and Testament, that is to say Principally & first of all I recommend and commit my soul into the hand of Almighty God who gave it, and my body to the Earth decently buried at the discretion of my Executors, doubting nothing but I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God at the General Resurrection and as touching what estate it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise & dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprimis - it is my will and I do order that all my lawful debts and funeral charges be fully paid, and satisfyed.

Item - unto Mary, my daughter, one Pounds five Shillings curant money of Virginia. I likewise give and bequeath unto John Neesbit six Shillings and six pence curent money of Virginia.

Item - I give & bequeath unto John Berry sun of James Berry, decd. six Pounds curent money of Virginia. I give and bequeath unto John Berry sun of William Berry ten pounts current money of Virginia.

Item - I give & bequeath unto John Berry sun of Francis Berry ten Pounds current money of Virginia.

Item - I give & bequeath unto Fras. Berry, Wheelright five pounds curent money of Virginia.

Item - I give and bequeath unto Mary Berry, daughter of William Berry fowar Pounds current money of Virginia.

Item - I give & bequeath unto her sister, Elizabeth Berry, six Pounds curent money of Virginia.

Item - I give & bequeath unto Elizabeth Berry, Daughter of Charles Berry, five Pounds curent money of Virginia.

Item - I give & bequeath unto my daughter, Rebeca Berry, twenty pounds curent money of Virginia. I likewise constitute and appoint my trust friends, Alexander Walker, Wheelright & William Edmastoun, sole Executors of this my last will & testament, and do

JOHN BERRY'S WILL (Cont'd.)

hereby disanul & revock all other wills or testaments by me made declaring & publishing this my last will and testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand & seal this tenth day of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and Seventy.

John Berry (S.S.)

Published and pronounced in
the presence of us:
John Walker
John Walker Junior
James Walker
Francis Berry

At a Court continued and held for Augusta County March the 22d, 1771. This last will and testament of John Berry, decd. was proved by the oaths of John Walker, John Walker Junior and James Walker, three of the witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Alexander Walker and William Edmiston, the executors therein named, who made oath according to law, certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat thereof in due form, they having with securitys entered into and acknowledged their bond according to law.

Teste ----------"

Will Book 4, page 404 A copy,

TESTE (signed) Harry Burnett...Clerk
of the Circuit Court for Augusta County, Va.

SAMUEL NISBET - MARY BERRY

In the settlement of the Estate of John Berry in 1771, Mary Neizbitt and John Neizbitt were named in the will and Samuel Neizbit was paid a claim.

Samuel Nisbeit on March 1, 1770, acquired 100 acres of land which he, on September 19, 1787, transferred by deed to John Nelson. In 1787 for the sum of $160.00, Samuel Nesbitt and his wife, Mary, joined in a deed to transfer the 100 acres acquired in 1770 which joined John Berry's land said to be recorded in Deed Book A, page 696, Rockridge County. This deed was signed Sam'l Nisbeit and Mary Nisbeit, his wife, and recorded in Deed Book A, page 696 of the County of Rockridge.

In Volume 2 of Abstracts, Augusta County (Virginia) Records, show that "Samuel Nesbit went out as pack horseman on the last Indian Exposition in order to raise money to pay for his land." Morten's Rockridge County, Virginia, lists "Samuel Nesbitt as a Tithable" and a "Taxpayer" in 1782, and on page 466 under "Locations and Arrivals" in 1788 lists Samuel Nesbitt (and Mary). The marriage record of Rockridge County shows a license granted to John Neisbit and Sarah Hunter, August 26, 1787. The consent is signed by Samuel Neisbit and William Hunter. The surities, John Neisbit and James McCutchan. Deed Book 36, Augusta County, page 12 shows John Nesbit and Sarah, his wife, from the County of Harrison, State of Kentucky, along with

other heirs of William Hunter, deceased, as signers to a deed for land situated in Augusta County which William Hunter acquired through Government Patent deeded September 20, 1751. Samuel and his family came to Kentucky, now Harrison County, and settled on lands west of Cynthiana, on Grays Run about 1790 and built a log house which was standing and occupied when I last saw it in 1937. He was a farmer and stockman and certainly a woodsman.

Family tradition insists that he had his chin cut off at the Battle of Cowpens but no proof has been found in the War od Pension Department. He is not listed in the Virginia records either. He was a taxpayer on personal and real estate in 1795 in Harrison County and was on the tax rolls until his death in 1814. Opposite his name on the Tax Rolls of Harrison County, in 1813 is a notation "In Capt. Gray's Co." Here he is designated as Samuel Nesbett, Sr.

My grandfather's name also appears on the 1813 Tax roll as Samuel Nesbit, Jr., owner of 80 acres and a notation "In Capt. Gray's Co." Samuel Nisbet died in 1814. I have never located his grave. His will was probated at the July Term of Court.

Mary Berry Nisbet went to Washington County, Indiana, in 1824 to live with her daughter, Mary Nisbet Martin, and died at her home on October 19, 1828, and she was buried on the Alexander Martin Lot in the Livonia Cemetery in an unmarked grave. Alexander Martin had a brother, William, who was a great Presbyterian missionary in southern Indiana and was Pastor of the Church at Livonia.

The Alexander Martin Bible contains the record of Mary Martin's death and is in the possession of Mrs. Fannie Holms Wright Webb of Franklin, Indiana, a great-great grand daughter.

I do not think he was in the Revolutionary War because I have been unable to find where he received any lands on that account and generally land grants were sought.

WILL OF SAMUEL NISBET

"In the name of God amen-I, Samuel Nisbet, of Harrison County, and State of Kentucky, being weakly in body but in perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for his mercies; and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, by me made, --
First of all I do command my soul to God who gave it to me and my body to the Earth whence it came to be decently buried and as touching my worldly Estate that it has pleased God to bless me with I do dispose of in the following way and manner.
I do order all of my lawful debts to be paid and my funeral charges. As for the balance of my estate, I do dispose of in the following way and manner: that is to say,;-

To John, my son, I do give one hundred and twenty dollars. To Robert, my son, I give ten dollars as had gotten his share before. To Samuel, my son, I do give the piece of land that is laid off to him adjoining Robert's line, supposed to be twenty acres more or less. To James, my son, I do give thirty dollars, as he had gotten his share before. To William, my son, I do give the plantation where-

WILL OF SAMUEL NISBET (Cont'd.)

on I now live, with all the plantation tools and two horses, and the wagons to be betwixt William and Sam.

And each of my daughters now living at home is to have a horse or mare, and for my other three that are married, I do give ten dollars to each.

The balance of the estate I do leave the sole disposal of to Mary, my wife, and she is to have a good and sufficient living on the place and to keep possession of the house, and the three on-married daughters to have their living on the place while on-married, and I do leave Mary, my wife, and William, my son, sole Executors, of, my last Will and Estament made by me.

I do revoke all other wills and testaments by me made. ----
Given under my hand this 7th day of March 1814.

Samuel Nisbet

Test:
W. Moore: A. Moore. Henry C. Moore
Harrison County, July Court 1814
This last will and Testament of Samuel Nisbet, deceased, was returned into Court and proved by the oaths of William Moore and Andrew Moore, subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Attest: A. Moore D. Clk."

"HARRISON COUNTY WILL BOOK -- A.

An inventory of the estate of Samuel Nisbit, Sr. Deceased. 1814

1 grey mare $40.00 1 bay mare 4 yrs. old $55.00	$95.00
1 other bay mare 8 yrs. old $55.00 1 bay mare 15 yrs. old $30.00	85.00
1 strawberry roan mare $25.00 1 old mare and colt $25.00	50.00
1 yearling stud colt $20.00 1 old grey horse $18.00	38.00
1 old brindle steer (?) $11.00 1 brown steer $9.00	20.00
1 red steer $10.00 The spots on the rump $10.00	20.00
1 brindled and white steer $7.00 1 red and white steer $6.00	13.00
1 small brindled steer $5.00 1 small red steer $4.00	9.00

HARRISON COUNTY WILL BOOK -- A (Cont'd.)

1 small freckled steer $4.00 1 float ------ hifer $5.00	$ 9.00
1 red and white heifer $4.00 1 old see (?) cow $12.00	16.00
1 red yellow young cow	12.00
1 brindle cow and calf with a white back	14.00
1 brindle cow and calf with a white spot	14.00
1 brindled cow with a star in her face	14.00
1 brindled heifer $6.00 3 small poor yearling	12.00
18 heads of hogs $30.00 8 small shoots $13.00	33.00
20 head of sheep $40.00 1 cupboard and furniture $20.00	60.00
2 chest $4.00 2 candlestands $4.00 2 ----? trunk $2100	10.00
1 bedstead and furniture	10.00
1 bestead and furniture No. 2	40.00
1 bedstead and furniture No. 3	25.00
1 bedstead and furniture No. 4	40.00
1 bedstead and furniture No. 5	30.00
1 bedstead and furniture Nol 6	30.00
7 pairs of blankets 5 second rate blankets	59.00
2 rugs $12.00 5 quilts $25.00 5 coverlets $14.00	51.00
5 calico quilts $25.00 3 old calico quilts $10.00 1 counterpin	53.00
9 sheets $22.50 21 pounds of pewter $8.20 1 clock $20.00	50.00
1 kettle $2.75 1 skillet & pot $2.00 1 oven $2.00	6.75
1 teakettle $6.00 - 1-18 gal. kettle $5.00 1 loom and appurtenances $10.00	11.00
5 side saddles $84.00 1 man's saddle $15.00	100.00
Notes on Demand on Different Person $734.50	$ 749.50

Mary Nesbit
William Nesbit Administrators
Alexander Lewis, James Crinvell (?), Wm. Cummins, Noath Spears,
Appraisers.

Harrison County, Ky., November Court 1814."

PROBABLE CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND MARY BARRY NESBIT

	Born	Place	Died	Buried	Marriage
A. John NESBIT	Before 1770	Va.	1834	Ky.	27 Aug., 1787 Sarah Hunter
B. Robert "	About 1773	Va.	1852	Lewis Co. Mo.	
C. Jane "			1828	Ky.	7th Sept., 1797 Wm. Wardlow
D. Isabel "					
E. Margaret "	1777	Va.	1853	Cynthiana, Ind.	
F. Mary, "	1779	Va.	1852	Ind.	23 Apr., 1805 Alex. Martin
G. Samuel "	1781	Va.	1866	Mo.	1 June, 1813 Nancy Thomas
H. James "	1785	Va.	1874	Ind.	17 Mch., 1808 Hannah Journee
I. Elizabeth "			1829	Ky.	3 Apr., 1811 Samuel McIlvane
J. Rebeccah "	1801	Ky.	1884	Ind.	15 Nov., 1815 Aaron Lewis
K. William "			1877	Ky.	7 Dec., 1824 Polly Roberts

The above table has been arranged giving the names and data on the probable children of Samuel and Mary Berry. No record of their marriage has been found in Virginia. Family gossip says their marriage occurred in Ireland. Three girls were married in 1814 when Samuel died, but he did not name them. Mary and Elizabeth were two of the married girls but I have my doubt about Isabel belonging to him. The three unmarried were quite definitely known to have been Margaret, Rebeccah and Jane. The date of marriage is from the official records. The dates of birth are calculated from age at death on tombstones and other evidences such as Bibles, U.S. Census and Official records.

A CONNECTING LINK -- A RARE FIND

" Saunderville, Indiana, Dec.30,1863

Dear Cousin;

I received a letter some time ago from your son to which I have not responded. I was truly sorry to hear of deaths that have caused you so much sorrow and which bereavements are felt for many years to come! Those places can never be filled. But we sorrow not as those that have no hope. How glorious to look beyond this present world of sorrow and disappointments to a glorious reunion with those who have gone before and when the tears of sorrow are all wiped from the eyes and where weeping and sighing are sound unknown. I have just returned home from spending a week with Pa and sister Drusilla. When I left them, I thought of visiting Uncle James as I had heard from time to time of Aunt's poor health. But when I got to Fathers I heard that Aunt had been dead about one mond, and although where I live is only 14 miles from A., I had not heard that Aunt was gone.

Uncle came to my Father's house on Christmas day on his way home from Illinois. He had been on a visit to Alfred who was not at home. He only stopt one day there, although, Alfred was expected home the next day.

Poor Uncle's accumulated sorrows have worn heavily upon him. His hearing is very imperfect and his sight gone from one eye and very dim in the other; it is hard to converse with him. He desired me to write to you and tell you of Aunt's death. He sayed that hers was a happy death and that he very much longed to go with her. He says he cannot see to write nor scarcely see print.

Garret is discharged from the army on account of disability to march; his feet gave out. He was in the 60th, Ind. This Regi. was at Indianapolis guarding the Donelson Prisoners. Buckner's men after these men were exchanged and the 60th were taken prisoners at Murfesburough they were taken by the same men they had guarded at Indianapolis, and they were well treated by them. Many of them grasped them by the hands as if they were brothers. Their kind treatment that they received at the hands of our men seemed to have softened their hearts. I have had a letter from John from St. Louis, he is well. Still there. The regiment is not quite full. They expect to go South very soon. Nicholas Nesbit was shot as a rebel in Mo. It seems that when the call was made for all to enroll themselves N. would not do it, but went off with Porters Band of Rebels and afterward disbanded and kept concealed in the neighborhood where some Federal scouts found and shot him; his property was confiscated. He was a son of Uncle Same N.

Sister Sarah is at Louisville, Ky. She is there with her husband. He is disabled. She went by the Albany and Salem R.R. There was on the dar a man by the name of Night, took care of her as far as Salem. He says that he knew some of the Martins. If her husband comes home with her they may stop at Livonia. I am expecting a letter every mail. I have not heard from them for near two weeks. When I was at Greencastle, I thought about coming to Livonia but found I could not get there by rail and gave it out. I have been bust since then that I did not make the effort. My little ones are at home and at school now. May, the eldest was in Evansville untill the small pox broke out. We have a good school near by this winter. I hope you will answer soon. I remain yours,

N.R. Ingle

P.S. John says that in the country that Uncle S. lives in are mostly divisions but that Uncle Roberts sons are good Union men. The Nesbit kin in Ky. are not Secesh. Henry was Marshall of Cynthiana and was a firm Union man. Uncle voted against division in that State."

An Explanation of the Nancy Ingle Letter

The above letter was one of the richest finds I have made. It was discovered by Mrs. Fannie Webb and I was able to procure a photostat copy made by her daughter, Mrs. Noyes, then in the Law Library at the University of Michigan. The letter was in possession of the Palmer Sisters at Franklin, Indiana, had been collected by a relative. They belong to the William Martin family. It was written by Nancy Lewis Ingle.

"Pa" is Aaron Lewis, husband of Rebeccah Nisbet.

"Uncle James" refers to James Nisbet of Cynthiana, Indiana, a son of Samuel and Mary Berry. Grandfather Samuel Nisbet's brother.

Alfred Berry Nisbet, a son of James Nisbit, grandfather of Mable and Elizabeth McLaughlin of Henderson, Ky., the historians for the James Nisbet and allied families in that section.

Garret Nisbet, son of James Nisbet.

Nicholas Nesbit, son of Samuel Nisbet, was my Uncle, my father's brother, also father of Mollie Nisbet Scott.

"Sister Sarah" was Mrs. Sarah Reel, who died this year, aged 101. Her husband, Henry Reel.

The Martin's at Livonia refer to Mary Nisbet Martin. John was her brother, John Lewis.

"Uncle S." refers to Samuel Nisbet of Stoutsville, Missouri, my grandfather.

"Uncle Robert" is Robert Nesbit who lived in Missouri in an adjoining country to his brother Samuel.

The Nisbet kin in Kentucky refer to "Uncle William", the youngest child of Samuel and Mary Berry who inherited the plantation. Henry was his son.

Thus the Nisbet and Lewis families of Posey County, Indiana, Robert and Samuel of Missouri, the Martins of Livonia, Indiana and William Nisbet of Cynthiana, Kentucky, are tied together whether they like it or not.

The folks who kept and treasured old letters were wiser and smarter than the most of us who destroy them to get them out of the way and my compliments to several of them whose prized possessions have been most valuable to me. To their relation who I bow my thanks also.

SAMUEL NISBET - NANCY THOMAS

G. SAMUEL NISBET, born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, March 1, 1781, came to Kentucky with his father's family some time prior to 1794.

Samuel, Jr., is on the Tax Roll of 1813 with a notation "In Capt. Gray's Co". The War Department's Records at Washington, D.C. show "Samuel Nesbitt, Private, Capt. W.R. McGrey's Co. 5th Ky. Mounted Vol. Mil. Col. Renick's Reg. Aug. 12, to Nov. 13, 1813. 2 Mos. 22 days. Was at Limestone, Ky., Nov. 13, 1813." He purchased land adjoining his father's and was willed 20 acres by his father.

Samuel Nesbit and Nancy Thomas, born 1792 in Kentucky, daughter of John Thomas, were married June 1, 1813, by John Conner, Minister Gospel. His name appears on the Tax Rolls until he left Kentucky for Missouri in 1825.

Samuel Nesbitt and Nancy (her X mark) Nesbitt signed a deed for 77 acres of land in Harrison County, Kentucky, September 17, 1835 to Daniel Tebbs for $924.00. Deed Book 9, page 407 of that County.

The next record of him is found in a History of Monroe County, Missouri, found in Paris, Missouri Library. It contains a sketch on John T. Nesbit, a son of Samuel's. It says that the family came from Kentucky in 1824 first locating in Callaway County, Missouri. I found Mitchell's Travel Guide, published about that time, in the State Historical Society Library at St. Louis that showed Fulton, Missouri to be the end of the trail. Good reason they had for stopping there.

Calloway County Records show nothing that indicates land ownership in that County. The Deed Records of Boone County show a deed for 160 acres bought from Joseph Brown and wife by Samuel Nesbit, March 27, 1827. This land was deeded by Samuel and Nancy Nesbit to John Prewitt for $460.00 and dated March 1, 1830. The Monroe County History further recites that Samuel hewed the logs that went into the first house built in Florida, Missouri. This town has become famous as being the birthplace of "Mark Twain". A State Park adjoins the town and a fine State Highway goes to it. Florida, Missouri is located in Monroe County.

Samuel Nesbit purchased from Robert Greening and his wife, Elizabeth, 160 acres of land a few miles northwest of Florida, on July 20, 1831, for $125.00, recorded in Deed Record A. This land he held until October 23, 1852, when Samuel and Nancy transferred it by deed to Nicholas T. Nesbit, a son.

Samuel and his wife lived on the place until after the death of Nicholas, which occurred in 1862. They then made their home with Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Painter. Mrs. Painter was their daughter, America.

Samuel died September 1, 1866, aged 85 years, 6 months. Nancy died August 13, 1869, aged 76 years, 6 months. They were buried on a plot under some trees not far from the old house where a family burying place had been established. Some of the stones were down. There was no fence enclosing it in 1930 when Alice, Allegra, Lila Vincent and I found it. Since then, Otis Emery Cartmell and I caused to be erected a substantial stonewall around it.

Virginia Kennett told me that the old people were Old Baptists. I have been able to find record of nine children born to them. I have not located the Family Bible.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND NANCY NISBET

G-1 JOHN THOMAS, born 1814, married Lucretia Lyons
G-2 HIRAM, born 1816
G-3 ELIZABETH JANE, born October 12, 1817
G-4 WILLIAM TOLLIVER, born September 21, 1819?
G-5 JAMES, born October, 1819-21?
G-6 SAMUEL FRANKLIN, born June 9, 1823
G-7 MELVINA, born August 23, 1829
G-8 AMERICA, born March 18, 1832
G-9 NICHOLAS, born 1835

G-1 JOHN THOMAS NESBIT, b. 2 Dec., 1814, in Harrison Co., d. 20 Sept., 1893, m. Lucretia Lyong, 7 Dec., 1827, at Paris Mo. When boy John was in Boone, Co., Calloway Co., Monroe Co., and lived at Florida, Mo. He bur. in old cemetery in Paris, Mo. Children:

G-1-i MARY JANE, b. 6 Sept., 1838, in Paris, Mo. d. 12 Mch., 1863, m. C.W. Rubey, bur. Bellfountain Cemetery. One son:

(a) THOMAS LEWIS RUBEY, reared by John Y. Nisbet family, b. 27 Sept., 1862, d. 2 Nov., 1928. U.S. Congress for several years. Left widow and children. Bur. Lebanon, Mo.

G-1-ii RICHARD FRANKLIN, b. 1 Jan., 1840, d. 5 Nov., 1840

G-1-iii ANN ELIZA, b. 23 Mch., 1841, d. 8 Sept., 1842

G-1-iv CASSIE EMILY, b. 1842, d. 20 Mch., 1842

G-1-v HIRAM BERRY, b. 21 Apr., 1844, d. 22 Feb., 1845

G-1-vi JOHN YOUNG, b. 1846, d. 19 Dec., 1913, bur. Paris, Mo., m. Mary Bealmer at Paris, Mo., d. 1929 Dallas, Texas. Children:

(a) SAMUEL

(b) EDWARD L., m. Kitty Wilmore, Paris, Mo.

(c) CLARENCE RUBY

twins (G-1-vii MARTHA and boy, b. 3 Dec., 1847, boy dead at birth,
(G-1-viii girl d. 22 Jan., 1874

G-1-ix NANCY KERILLA, b. 2 Aug., 1849, d. 6 Sept., 1851

G-1-x WILLIAM ARTHUR, b. 19 Jan., 1851, Euraka Springs, Ark.

twins (G-1-xi WESLEY and WASHINGTON, b. 14 July, 1853, died ?
(G-1-xii

G-1-xiii ANNIE N., b. 2 Aug., 1856, d. 3 Mch., 1927, bur. Cypress View Mausolem, San Diego, Cal., m. Harvey Mathews, 2nd m. two children, one dau. died young, LEWIS RUBEY, and one dau. lives in Encinitas, Cal.

twins (G-1-xiv ALONZO and ALFONSO, b. 1853, both died
(G-1-xv Aug., 1858

G-2 HIRAM B. NISBET, b. 1816, Ky., d. 6 Sept., 1864, m. Malinda Manning, 12 Dec., 1844. She was b. 1828. Farmer lived near Chilicothe, Mo., where he died. This family suffered from Tuberculosis and few survived. Have been able to locate only two grand-daughters living at present: Mrs. Linna Hardy of Kansas City, Mo., and her sister, Mrs. Alice Rosenfield of New York City. Mrs. Hardy has supplied the following data. Eight children:

G-2-i BENNETT, b. 1845, d. 28 Dec., 1872, m. Martha Skinn, one son, FRED

G-2-ii NANCY L., b. 22 Apr., 1848, d. 20 Aug., 1877, m. 7 May, 1868, James Harvey Mathews, b. 20 Jan. 1836, Trumbull Co., Ohio. First m. Nancy L. Nisbet, 2nd wife a cousin to 1st wife, Annie Nisbet, dau. John T. Nisbet. His father b. in Ireland. Mother Catherine Draper, b. West Va. He was a prosperous farmer and hardware merchant at Chilicothee, Mo. Two children born by Annie, a dau. who died young and LEWIS RUBY. Four children born to Nancy L., as follows:

(a) CHARLES N., b. 26 Mch., 1869, d. 6 Apr. 1927, m. Hattie Montgomery, dau. John Montgomery, one dau. dead. No issue.

(b) LINNA MAY, b. 17 Oct., 1870, Chilicothe, Mo. Married Addison Hardy, bo. 30 Mch., 1890, near Anderson, Ind. d. 19 July, 1914 in K.C., Mo. R.R. man, son of Madison and Sarah Hifer Hardy. Linna May now lives in K.C., Mo. Four children:

(1) ALICE LORETTE, b. 25 June, 1892, m. W.G. Cornwell, Nov., 1926. Two children: WILLIAM A. and JACK, Oswego, Mo.

(2) LINNA MAY, b. 7 July, 1894, m. 30 Dec., 1922, J.W. Boysen, b. K.C., Kan., son Peter and Mary (Wholk), father born Denmark. Two sons ROBERT HARDY and DONALD GORDON, 6106 Charlott Ave., K.C., Mo.

(3) JAMES ADDISON, b. 5 July, 1898, m. Lena Scott Kivett. One child, RICHARD

(4) CHARLES G., b. 2 Oct., 1906, Single.

(c) EDITH and EDDIE (twins), b. Aug., 1872, died ?

(d) ALICE L., b. 7 May, 1874, m. Jan., 1898, 1st husband Fred Stribling, St. Joseph Mo., 2nd husband, Nov., 1926, George B. Rosenfield, b. Russia, no children. Resides 885 W. End. Ave., New York City

G-2-iii SAMUEL A., b. 2 Oct., 1850, d. 25 Mar., 1872

G-2-iv HENRY T., b. 12 Jan., 1853, d. 1 Sept., 1877

G-2-v ALLIS M., b. 17 Feb., 1855

G-2-vi JOHN WILLIAM, b. 17 Sept., 1857

G-2-vii HIRAM L., b. 23 Mch., 1859, d. 1883 Pueblo, Colo.

G-2-viii MARY ANN, b. 23 July, 1861, d. 19 Mch., 1865

G-3 ALVIN H. CARTHELL, b. 3 July, 1811, d. 1865, m. 8 Jan., 1844, Elizabeth Jane Nesbit, 12 Oct., 1817, d. 22 Jan., 1897, lived near Stoutsville, Mo. Children:

G-3-i JAMES HARVEY, b. 22 Dec., 1845, d. 18 Oct., 1880 m. ------, descendants live in Okla. Bur. Old Nisbet Farm, Stoutsville, Mo.

G-3-ii SARAH MALVINA, b. 16 Jan., 1847, d. 1874

G-3-iii MARY NANCY, b. 11 July, 1850, d. Aug., 1920

G-3-iv MARGARET ANN, b. 4 June, 1853, d. Apr., 1911

G-3-v PERMELIA JANE, b. 12 July, 1858, died an infant

G-3-vi NICHOLAS THOMAS CARTHELL, b. 2 Dec., 1855, d. 18 Aug., 1933, m. 13 Mar., 1881, Lucinda Elizabeth Young, b. 30 Dec., 1854, d. 30 Aug. 1937. Eight children:

(a) MILDRED GERTRUDE, b. 16 Dec., 1881, m. 9 Sept., 1903, James M. Abell, b. 2 Apr., 1880. Children:

(1) MABEL VIOLA, b.14 July, 1904 d. 28 July, 1905
(2) OLA EUGENE, b. 27 May, 1908, m. 19 July, 1921, Harold Raymond Cook. Children: HAROLD RAYMOND COOK, JR., b. 15 June, 1922
(3) ALFRED LEE, b.29 Sept.,1910, d. 14 May, 1923
(4) BESSIE BLANCHE, b. 6 May,1912 m. 20 Feb.,1930, Herman A. Whelan, Children: WILLIAM FRANCIS, b. 3 Mch.,1931
(5) ALMA GERTRUDE, b.13 Oct., 1914
(6) MADISON B., b. Sept., 1916
(7) THOMAS HAROLD, b.20 Dec.,1918
(8) JAMES DONALD, b.13 Feb.,1921

(b) OLA DELBERT, b.19 Feb.,1883, d. 24 June,1933, m. 16 May,1918, Orpha Garrett

(c) WILLIAM HENRY, b.22 Feb.,1885, m. 3 Dec.,1913, Lydia Ann Griffiths, b. 1895. Children:
(1) WINIFRED EVIVA, b.8 Sept., 1914
(2) WILLIAM HENRY, b.22 Sept., 1916
(3) BETTY, b. 20 June, 1924

(d) MARY ELIZABETH, b.12 Sept.,1886 m. 24 Oct.,1908,Cecil Monroe Turnbough,b.28 June,1883. Children:
(1) DOROTHY DEANE,b. 15 Sept., 1909
(2) MILDRED ELIZABETH, b.5 Nov. 1911
(3) HAZEL LEE, b.16 Aug., 1914
(4) THOMAS ALONZO, b.3 Nov.1915 d. 31 Mch.,1936
(5) CECIL RAY ?
(6) JOHN ROY, b.29 Sept.,1919
(7) LOIS MAE, b.7 May, 1923
(8) DONELLA FERN, b.7Dec.,1926

(e) AMY LEE, b.26 Nov.,1888,m.20 July, 1909, Aaron W. Donaldson, b.21 Sept.,1886. Children:
(1) JAMES WELDON, b.28 Aug., 1912, m.17 Feb.,1931, to Doris Lorene Nichols, b.7 June, 1912
(2) OTIS RUTH,b.19 Mch., 1916
(3) ANNA LOUISA, b.4 Feb.,1918
(4) FRANCES EARLINE, b. 23 Sept.,1919
(5) R.J., b. 22 Mch., 1922
(6) THOMAS LEE, b.27 Aug.,1924
(7) AARON, b. 20 Feb., 1926

(f) EMERY OTIS, b.20 Feb.,1893,Single
(g) JOHN CLARENCE, b.18 Aug.,1895, m. 15 June,1922,Jesse Humberg, b. 1 June, 1896

G-4 WILLIAM THOLIVER, b. 21 Sept.,1819, died ?, 1st marriage Margaret Heard, 20 Dec., 1849, 2nd marriage Mary Vowell, 4 Sept.,1856 (?). Children:
G-4-i LAURA, m.---- Speed, one dau. MARY
G-4-ii CHARLES W., Res. K.C., Mo. (He will not answer letters)

G-5 JAMES NISBET, b. Oct., 1819 (?), d. 18 Sept., 1844, never married, bur. on old farm, 25 years old. Date of death and age from gravestone

G-6 SAMUEL FRANKLIN, b. 9 June, 1823, Ky., d. Dec., 1895, bur. Washington, Kan., m. 6 Dec., 1846, Mary Templar, b. 1 Jan., 1830, Ohio, d. 30 Aug. 1916, California, bur. Sunset Cemetery, Richmond, Cal. Children:
G-6-i MARY MELVINA, b. 25 Dec., 1847, Mo., d. 11 Sept., 1928, bur. Richmond, Cal., m. Benjamin F.McCray, bur. Sunset Cemetery, Richmond, Cal. Children:
(a) ARTHUR LEE
(b) FRANK A.
(c) RUTH
(d) MARY ELSIE
(e) ISABELLE
(f) AUGUSTA
(g) CHARLES
(h) JAY B.
(i) ETHEL
(j) OSCAR, died young
G-6-ii JAMES W., b. 11 Feb., 1849, d. Missouri
G-6-iii RACHEL FRANCES, b. 17 May, 1851, Mo., d. 21 Nov., 1925, Kan., m. 11 Mch., 1869, Kan., John Young, b. 23 Nov., 1845, Glasgow, Scotland, son of John and Jessie (Conn) Young, d. 9 Apr., 1930, both bur. Highland, Kans. Children:
(a) ZULA
(b) JESSIE
(c) LEON DECATUR
(d) ROSETTA
(e) JOHN
(f) FRANKLIN
(g) GRACE PEARL
(h) LAVINIA
(i) LEWIS IRVIN
(j) LESTER SIMEON
(k) GEORGE
G-6-iv NANCY ELIZABETH (Nannie), b. 17 Feb., 1853, Mo., never married. Lives San Gabriel, Cal., 1940
G-6-v JOHN
G-6-vi MILLIE DOWNING
G-6-vii SAMUEL A., b. 5 Apr., 1860, Kans., m. 17 Oct.,1894, Nellie Painter, b. 14 June, 1868. Children:
(a) PAUL TEMPLAR
(b) MARK CLEMENTS
(c) MARY CAROLYN

G-6-viii EDWARD TEMPLAR, b. 19 Oct., 1865, Kan., m. Effie Alice Miller, Mo. b. 25 Nov., 1863, Blandinsville, Ill. Children:
(a) MILDRED ALICE
(b) REED MILLER

G-6-ix OTIS BURGESS, b. 31 Jan., 1871, m. Alice A. Vincent, 22 June, 1897, Valparaiso, Ind. Children:
(a) ALLEGRA MARY
(b) BEATRICE TEMPLAR

Samuel was the sixth child born to Samuel and Nancy Nisbet. He was born June 9, 1823 in Harrison County, Kentucky and was a baby when his father moved his family to Missouri in 1825.

During the summer of 1895 I was at home with my parents and sister, Nannie. One day I got father a pen, ink and paper and asked him to write a history of his life. He wrote, " Samuel Franklin Nisbet was born on the 9th of June, 1823 in Harrison County, Kentucky. My father moved to the State of Missouri in 1825. I was the youngest child when he moved. He settled first in Calaway County, Mo., then moved to Boone Co. The first thing in my recollection of events and things that transpired was playing in the barnyard with other children running from an old sheep that butt the children. We all ran up in a wagon box out of his reach. One end of the box was on the fence and the other on the ground. The next event was my father took us children one night to the neighbor, the next day when we returned home they showed us a new brother. My oldest sister cried because it was not a sister. The next event that fixed itself on my mind I had disobeyed my mother. She was endeavoring to correct me in a way I would remember but I ran out of the kitchen around the house into the family room and sat down with the other children. I did not escape punishment for the first nor the second offence. We had a cousin by the name of Wood who lived in Columbia, Mo., who visited us and a merchant by the name of Sanders from the same place was with him. After having a good visit Mr. Sanders made me a present of a pen knife, Mr. Wood fifty cents and like most children I prized it very high and remembered the knife and the social time with many reminiscences and lived those pleasant days over many times. My father sold his farm in Boone and bought land in Monroe Co., Mo." This was all he got to write of the history.

He grew to young manhood and lived at the old Monroe County home which was a short distance south of Stoutsville, Mo. He attended singing school. Was a good singer. Went out to Andrew County, Mo., and taught singing school. I will let Nancy Elizabeth tell about it. "Mother told us a little love story. She was a young bashful girl. When father proposed to her she got the Bible and showed him Ruth 1: 16, 17. Father had come to Fillmore, gotten up a singing class and was boarding at grandfather Templar's. Mother said the girls were all trying to capture the handsome young singing teacher. None of them had thought of the young girl, Mary Templar, being a rival. Mother always seemed very proud that she carried off the prize. Father said he fell in love with her on account of her devotion to her parents and her home."

Mildred Nesbit sent me the following in 1932:
Savannah, Andrew Co., Mo., Marriage Record. Book A No. 349 p 68.
"I do hereby certify that on the 6th day of November, 1846, I married Samuel Nesbit to Mary Templer, both of Jackson Township in Andrew County, Missouri. Calvin Rohrer, J.P. of Jackson Township. Filed 4th of Feb., 1847. Recorded 9th of March, 1847. Edwin Toole Recorder by T. S. Roberts Deputy Recorder."

MARY was the only child of James Templar and Mrs. Mary Auld Templar. She was born Jan. 18, 1831 in Knox County, Ohio. She attended school in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Her parents were married there as shown by the Records of that County on March 12 (1830) by Thomas Dixon, J.P. They were married as James Templer and Mrs. Mary Auld. I have never been able to find her maiden name. In 1830 at the time of her marriage, she was the mother of three children: John, Millie and Rachel. Millie Ann was born ----, 1813, died February 21, 1896 at Fillmore, Missouri, married Joe Vance Berry, May 13, 1834 at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Name given was (Millie) Ann Permelia. He was a native of Knox Co. Nine children were born to them. Nineteen grandchildren. She a Methodist for 60 years. Came to Missouri in 1839.

John Auld was listed as 21 years old in the U.S. Census of 1850. Could not read or write. Born in Ohio, 1829, married Catherine (Sarah) Cole. Two daughters, Dora, born (?), married Al Martin at Samuel F. Nisbet's home, Leona, Kansas, and by him about 1880. Sarah, the other daughter, went to the State of Washington. (I have tried to get Earl Stigers to send the data regarding Aunt Rachel Auld Mauritius family but got no response from him.)

The Knox County, Ohio Records show that James Templar became a landowner in 1827 and continued one until 1834. The Andrew County, Missouri Records show that he acquired lands in that County after going there. He with his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Nisbet and John Auld and his family went to Doniphan County, Kansas, in 1857. Dr. Nesbit had gone to Brown County, Kansas in 1856. Mrs. Mary Auld Templar died in November, 1857. The Templars and Nesbits lived together. James Templar died in 1859. He was buried in a graveyard established on the old homestead as his wife had been. Later they were dis-interred and buried in the cemetery at North Leona, Kansas and a lot taken by a cemetery official for his own family.

Samuel F. Nisbet had attended Medical School in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1846-47. He practiced in Missouri and Kansas. He was ordained as a Minister in the Christian Church and had extensive business interests. He went to Iowa Point on the Missouri River and built a saw mill and home which burned with the family records. He was a Charter Member of Smithton Lodge A.F. and A.M. No. 1 at Highland, Kansas, also a Charter Member of the Troy Chapter, No. 16, Royal Arch Masons instituted July 28, 1869. He and Thomas Vanderslice kept the lodge alive during the Civil War. For this and other valued services they were made honorary members later when the lodge was well recruited.

A class admission card issued to him is in the possession of O.B. Nesbit and reads as follows:

Botanico Medical College of Ohio Lectured on Materia Medica and Pharmacy by John Kost, M.D., for Sam'l. F. Nisbet, No. 1. Session of 1848-9.

When he began practicing in Andrew County, Missouri, he allowed fever patients to drink water and used baths to combat the fever. He opposed bleeding for all ailments as practiced by some physicians in his day. Then his colleagues depended upon calomel, quinine, bleeding and with-held water. When he began practicing allowing patients water, using baths to combat fevers, and using "herbs",he at once was denounced and consultations were denied by some.

From Iowa Point he went to Severance, Kansas, and engaged in general merchantile business, traded in stock, grain and was an all around useful citizen. While here, he was elected a member of the House of Representatives of the Kansas Legislature in 1870. He offered the prayer at the opening of session of the House in its new chamber of the New State Capitol Building being occupied for the first time.

The panic of post Civil War days wrecked him financially but his pioneer spirit survived. He acquired a farm adjoining a new town, Leona, a few miles west of Severance, on the recently constructed St. Joseph and Grand Island Railroad, subdivided a part of the land, sold lots, erected a house, set out an orchard and began farming and stock raising besides preaching when called upon. He was elected Justice of the Peace and acted as councillor to those in trouble. He circulated a remonstrance against licensing a saloon and took it before the County Commissioners, ousting the last saloon in town. Elected Justice of Peace.

His advice to the mother of the Barlow boys, young Jessie James imitators, did not end their career in crime, but he tried to show them the right path.

When in comfortable financial circumstances he became ambitious that his sons might have greater opportunities. He sold out and went to Washington County, Kansas, purchased more land and engaged in farming and stock raising on a larger scale. He had difficulty in interesting the sons in farming, Samuel having started his college work before coming west at Oregon Missouri Normal School and Highland University, and Edward had attended the Morrill Normal, run by J.M. Reed. Nannie (Nancy Elizabeth) was a successful teacher. She had saved enough money to purchase 160 acres of Washington County land.

The depression of 1893, crop failures, grasshoppers, hot winds, black leg in the cattle of the neighborhood, refusal of his sons to be farmers, all together were causes that submerged him financially again. He had time now to take an interest in the Farmers' Alliance and was one of its advocates and workers. Banks were charging one to two percent per month on loans to stock raisers on 60 day notes. They elected friendly constables who would take in chattels without due process of laws in many instances. The Populist Party became the political mouthpiece for the Farmers' Alliance. U.S. Senator John Ingalls had declared that the Decalogue and Golden Rule had no place in politics. There was much corruption in the State. The nomination for Congress was urged upon Samuel by his admirers but such talk he discouraged. He was nominated for Probate Judge in 1890 without being a candidate, elected

and re-elected in 1892. The campaign for re-election was too severe and his health suffered. He lived to fill out his term of office but died the following December, 1895, on the farm. He had lived in Washington, Kansas, during the four years he was Probate Judge. He was buried in the Washington, Kansas Cemetery.

One of the following accounts of his death shows the feelings of the community in which he lived and died. The other how his family felt as it was written by his oldest son.

TWO TRIBUTES

(The following was written by G.E. (Deacon) Hathway in The Watchman, Washington, Kansas, February 7, 1895, Otis Nesbit, Editor)

S.F. NISBET

When the three score span of life had been passed, and three years added to it, Judge S.F. Nisbet laid down the burden of life and passed behind the veil. A pioneer of Kansas, he helped to make our great State an honor to the nation and a blessing to humanity. In his early manhood he was an Evangelist to the oppressed and fought for their freedom; in his middle age he was the friend and advisor of the freed; in his declining days he was a student and advisor of a younger generation who had inherited his fiery honesty and fixity of purpose. He was a lovable man, he always saw the best side of his enemies, and to his friends he was a bulwark and a strength. His hand was always extended to the oppressed and down-trodden. He was a manly man, loyal to his family, a staunch friend of his children; a man who gloried in manhood, womanhood and the highest attributes of humanity. His memory is dear to hosts of men and women in Northern Kansas. He was a devout, honest Christian. He was preacher, Doctor and lawyer. He was an honest man.

THE WATCHMAN cannot pass its first issue without this tribute to the first Populist Probate Judge of this County, and it feels grateful that the things it says today were said of Judge Nisbet by each and every paper of Washington County before THE WATCHMAN was born.

Resquiescat in pace.

FATHER

(Written by S.A. Nesbit, Pastor Christian Church, in his Church paper, December 26, 1895.)

A message to us brought the sad intelligence that father died at 1:40 Monday morning. While we were apprised he could not linger but a few days--yet we could not realize it till this.

Ever it is so with life the clouds and sunshine--the wormwood and the sweets are commingles--as we are ushered into the week of rejoicing--the sadness comes.

Little did we think as we bade him good-bye we would never be permitted to see him again on earth. Yet how comforting, we shall ever be with the Lord.

Dear father was so kind and affectionate. In fact he had so many sterling characteristics worthy of our emulation. Though not blessed with the opportunities of an early education--he was a hard student--taking a thorough medical course, he was a successful physician for years. After leaving his profession, he devoted his study hours to the Bible and was well posted in sacred lore and things in general. While he never followed the ministry as a profession, he has the greater part of his life preached the unsearchable riches in Christ Jesus.

He served one term in the legislature of Kansas and two terms as Probate Judge of Washington County, Kansas.

He has always been on the side of needy and oppressed, ever ready to sympathize and help. He was generous to a fault.

This is the first time the family circle has been broken in many years.

Mother, three sisters and three boys of us survive our loving father.

By this our lives are closer drawn to our Heavenly Father and our Heavenly home. We now have an additional incentive to head us Godward--to the city whose builder and maker is God--where there are no deaths, no sorrows, no snapping of tender ties.

MEMORIAL

There are some lives the good influences of which never cease and those who lived them deserve more than a passing notice as they go to join the heavenly throng.

HONORABLE SAMUEL F. NISBET, who recently went from his home in Morrowville, Kansas, to a house not made with hands, was one of that class of men.

There are few persons in this age of selfishness, whose lives so perfectly conform to the great law of love, laid down by our Saviour, as did that of our deceased brother.

In the home, in the Church, everywhere, he was the same cheerful, forbearing, faithful man.

Though for many years Brother Nisbet preached every Lords Day in a private house, in a school house or in the open air on the prairies of Kansas and was the means of winning many souls for Christ, yet he never devoted all his time to the Ministry, having always been engaged in secular pursuits.

He was one of the "sweet singers" of Isreal and many of the most touching appeals he made to saints and sinners were by the solos he sang.

More than the ordinary amount of sorrow and financial trials fell to his lot, but like the true Christian that he was, he bravely

bore up under them all and though for some time intimately connected with him, I never heard a word of complaint fall from his lips.

Among the many deeds of kindness which Brother Nisbet was constantly bestowing upon those with whom he came in contact, was one which resulted in saving the life of the writer making him a Christian and also a preacher of the gospel.

In 1864, I was a sick soldier, apparently dying in a very poorly kept government hospital. I was almost an entire stranger to him. Brother Nisbet took me to his home, where he and his excellent wife nursed me to health with as much tender care as if I had been their son. It was while a sick boy at his home that I heard the simple gospel as preached by our people and which for twenty-five years, it has been my delight to tell to others.

Brother Nisbet was in his 74th year and left behind him his faithful wife, six children and a large number of grandchildren.

Two of his sons are among the most successful preachers on the Pacific Coast; Samuel A., Pastor of a Church in Eureka, California and Edward T., Pastor of the First Church in Portland, Oregon.

For several years before his death he was Judge of the Probate Court at Washington, Kansas.

How wonderfully a good man's life multiplies itself. I feel that every sermon I preach and every convert the result of my ministry, it is indirectly caused by this Noble Man of God.

William A. Gardner

"SMITHTON NO. 1 A. F. & A. M.
HIGHLAND, Kan., JULY 9, 1877

Past Master S.F. Nisbet,

Sir and Brother,

It affords me great pleasure to give you official information that the Lodge at its last regular communication voted unanimously to remit your dues and place your name on the roll of Honorary members. This they did as a token of their regard and a proper recognition of the services you have so long given, freely and heartily, for the promotion of the welfare of our Lodge.

Hoping we may have the pleasure of seeing you at our stated communications as often as it may be practicable.

I am Sincerely and Fraternally
Yours

M.F. Hills, Sec."

"Des Moines, Ia. Mch 13, 1886

Church of Christ at Pardee, Atchison Co., Kansas, did in the year 1862 at Convention of Churches of Christ held at Pardee by fasting and prayer and laying on of the hands of the Elders and of the Evangelists duly set apart and ordain to the work of the ministry our beloved brother S.F. Nisbet the bearer of this testimonial.

N. Dunshee, then Elder of Church of Christ at Pardee "

EXPTRACTS FROM LETTERS WRITTEN BY NANNIE (NANCY ELIZABETH) NESBIT TO HER BROTHER, OTIS B. NESBIT

Richmond, Calf., 1930

I have heard mother talk about Aunt Polly Bennett but I do not remember who she was.

Grandma Mary Templar died the day after sister Millie was born. I remember how Grandma looked, the pretty caps she wore, the handkerchief folded about her shoulders and her silk apron. She was very neat about her work. She gave me fifty cents to buy my first doll.

I remember more how Grandpa looked, dressed and his quiet manner. He had a wonderful face, looked like pictures of Henry Ward Beecher. We children loved him dearly. He was so kind and gentle and took interest in our plays. You know he bought the spotted roan Indian pony, Dick, for mother and us girls. He paid fifty dollars in gold for him in St. Joseph, Mo.

When Grandpa was getting ready to come to Missouri, he bought a pacing horse for Grandma, a new side saddle, also a fine saddle for himself. His saddle was his traveler's bank, into it he put the pin pail filled with twenty dollar gold pieces, wrapped the saddle skirts around it and placed it in their largest box, nailed the lid securely with spikes. For several days three other movers wagons travelled with them and all camped together. The fourth night out, every box in Grandpa's wagon was opened except the big safety and in the morning the three wagons were not to be seen. When they came to Missouri the tin pail continued to serve as their safe deposit. They buried it under the inside steps leading to the cellar. We had mother tell us this story many times. Another story we liked to have her tell us was about Rubedeaux and his wives' burial poles in St. Joe which were pointed out to them when they came through. Mother started to school in Mt. Vernon before the family came to Missouri.

There are many pleasant remembrances of father and mother and our childhood home on the old farm. The change began when we went to Iowa Point. We were so near Highland. Father always took us there to lectures, holiday entertainments and social functions. Our associates were largely the Highland people. Mollie (Mary) attended the University a part of each year for several years. Boarded with the President's family and other of the best families. The young people came out week ends and vacation.

I have always regretted that father's boys had not known him in his better days before he was so entangled in finances. He was such a lovable, active, useful man with such high ideals and so self-sacrificing for his family.

Had father remained on the farm things might have been so different. We had a two and a half story house all furnished and finished as J.P. Johnson, father's old Highland banker friend said, good enough for the President of the U.S. Father had taken 160 acres of land for himself in Doniphan County, Kansas, 160 acres for

Grandpa Templar and 160 acres for Uncle John Auld. He built Uncle John Auld a house and tried to help him in every way but finally had to take it over to save it. Aunt Catherine Auld was an industrious woman. Uncle John would not work, he was always going to leave Aunt. He would saddle up his best horse, tell us all good-bye and ride away toward Missouri. I would stay with Aunt Catherine nights for company. When he got over his dumps he would ride in just as if nothing had happened, but to do the same thing over and over again until finally she went back to her people, John Cole in Missouri.

Aunt Catherine got her industrious education from her father. As soon as a meal was over he would have all the chairs taken out of the dining room with the announcement, "None of your long sets." Everybody had to get into action. You will remember how Jacob Streib had to follow his father all day long in the furrow behind the plow to keep him from getting lazy. Well, it seemed to work all right. (Jake has been living a retired life in a big home for many years.)

ENROUTE HOME FROM A VISIT TO O.B. NESBIT IN INDIANA

I visited Cousin Laura Speed in Kansas City, Missouri. She is Uncle William Nesbit's daughter. She knows but little of family history. She says Great Grandfather Nisbet came from Ireland to America. His sweetheart was very young. Her parents objected to their coming but finally consented to the marriage and came over with the young folks; that Great Grandfather Nisbet had his chin cut off with a sabre. He put the piece back and bound it with a bandana handkerchief and lay down by a log and slept until morning, then found his way to a neighboring farmer where he remained until able to join his army. He settled in Kentucky. She says there was no consumption, cancer, feeble-minded nor dishonesty as far as she knows. All honest, upright, industrious, thrifty, religious people.

Cousin Laura lived at 3707 Prospect Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. She is a widow and has one son. She and her brother, Charles, are Uncle William's children by his second wife. Uncle William courted Laura's mother first but she was so young, he married an older girl, Cousin Margaret Delaney's mother (Santa Rosa, Calif.) After her death, he married his first sweetheart. Charles lived in Kansas City. Travels for a Chicago Jewelery Company. He has no children.

On my way to Wichita, Kansas, we saw some of the results of of the Sedwich, Kansas tornado. Not a stone standing in a cemetery, barns overturned, buildings damaged, trees frightfully twisted, uprooted and scattered.

I telephoned to Dr. Charles Bowers at Wichita while waiting at the depot about fourteen of the injured in the cyclone had been brought into the hospital and he could not leave the operating room.

I have been registering voters for 21 years. I registed a man today who has registered with me all that time. Many go out of their way to get to me.

Our little sister, Millie, was such a beautiful, sweet child. Lovely black eyes, so patient in her suffering. James Holland, who lived with us, said once he knew he had carried her as far as New York and back. He loved her so dearly. After his days work, he would carry her, walking the floor with her head on his shoulder. He worked for us for five years. So did Ellen, his wife.

I called Cousin Melissa Dodge up when I was in Los Angeles. Cousin James Berry lives there. He was about mother's age. Is quite feeble.

Uncle Nicholas Nesbit was wounded in the Civil War and died from the wounds. He was in the Confederate Army. His daughter, Cousin Mollie, knows nothing about the company he was in. Her mother married again when Mollie was four and a half years old. She was a baby when her father died. Mollie married William D. Scott after coming to California. He died several years ago. She lives in Richmond, California now. Is a C.S. Practitioneer. She brought $6000 that she got from the sale of the old home place with her when she came to California. She says she had gravestones put up at the graves on the farm and a fence built around them. She and her brother, Sam, who died before she came West, had little in common with the other relatives in Missouri on account of the disposition of the property.

G-6-i MARY MELVINA NISBET (changed spelling to Nesbit), b. 25 Dec., 1847, Filmore, Mo., d. 11 Sept., 1928 at Richmond, Cal. Bur. Sunset Cemetery, Richmond, Cal. M. Benjamin Franklin McCray, b. 28 Aug., 1843, in Mo., son of Charles and Eliza (Whorton) McCray of Scotland. Charles died aged 89, Buchanan Co., Mo. Benjamin saw local service in Civil War. He was a pioneer in Kansas and in the Oklahoma Run for lands in 1893 gaining 160 acres farm near Medford. Sold 1910 and went to Richmond, Cal. Died in Oakland, 21 Jan., 1937 - aged 93. Bur. Sunset Cemetery Richmond, Cal. Nine children:

(a) ARTHUR LEE, b. 5 Jan., 1871, Severance, Kans. M. Della Snyder. Two Daughters:
(1) MAXZENE, m. McGregor
(2) AUDREY, res. Alameda, Cal.

(b) FRANK, b. 1874 - dead

(c) ELMER, b. ?

(d) RUTH, b. 1879, m. 1896 to Albert Usher. Ruth has continued the grocery store since the death of her husband and has been a fine "mother" to her sisters and their children. Res. 24th & Maple Streets, Oakland, Cal. One child:
(1) ANGEL, b. 4 June, 1905, m. Thorwald Rasmussen, b. 23 Aug., 1900, Oakland, Cal. Two children:
MARGARET, b. 12 Aug., 1927,
NORMAN, b. 27 Feb., 1932, Res. Albany, Cal.

(e) MARY, b. 1880, m. 1897 to John Bunyon Butler. One child:
(1) PAULINE, m. 1927 to James Oscar Hultman, b. 1901, Kans. Three children: VIRGINIA, b. 29 Oct., 1928, CLEO, b. 20 Aug.,1930, SYLVA, b. 30 Apr., 1934. Res. Richmond, Cal.

(f) ELSIE, b. 1882, m. Louis Chambers, 1897. Both deceased. One son:
(1) BYRON, b. 7 Feb., 1902, m. Katherine Iverson, 1897, b. Racine, Wis. One child: BARBARA, b. 12 Aug.,1933. Res. Oakland, Cal.

(g) BELL, b. 1884, di. 1937, m. 1898 to Morris A. Phillips, b. 1881, dead. Two children:
(1) ALDWIN
(2) WAULINE DOROTHY m. Arthur McLaughlin, 20th June, ---. Res. Albany, Cal.

(h) CHARLES, b. 10 May,1887, Kans., m. 25 Dec., 1907 to Maude Anne Kennedy, b. 3 Dec.,1887, Colo. Dau. William and Nettie (Noal) Kennedy. Standard Oil Supt., Richmond,Cal. Res. Albany. Three children:
(1) CHARLES EUGENE, b. 20 Dec., 1916
(2) EARL, 3 Dec., 1919
(3) LEON, b. 12 July, 1913, died at birth.

(i) ETHEL, b. 1889, Kansas. M. John Johns. Res. Ranch near Escalon, Cal. Two children:
(1) JOHN, b. 4 Apr., 1918
(2) JUANITA, b. 10 Apr., 1920
Both grad. Escalon High School

G-6-iii RACHEL FRANCES NESBIT, b. 17 May, 1851, Fillmore, Mo., m. 11 Mch.,1869 to John Young, b. Glasgow Scotland, 23 Nov., 1845. Will supply story later. A good job for Leon. Children:

(a) ZULA JESSIE, b.31 Jan., 1870 in Kans., never married, lives at Highland, Kans. Teacher.

(b) LEON DECATOR YOUNG, b. 2 Dec.,1872, Highland, Kans., m. Dorothy Spriestersbaugh in Charlestown, Ind., b. Charlestown, d. Nov., 1935. 2nd marriage to Mary Bowers Archibald, b. 10 June,1893, Bible Hill, Truro, Novo Scotia. Dau. of Thomas and Jesse Helen (MacDonald) Archibald. He born in Halifax and she was born in Sherbrook. Leon is one of the big Presbyterian Preachers, a noted speaker and fine man. See "Who's Who" in America. At present Pastor of Highland, Kansas Church.

(c) ROSETTA, b. 20 Apr.,1876, Highland,Kans. m. 2 Oct.,1895 to Ervin E. Swinney,dec. Res. Wichita, Kans. Children:
(1) DOROTHY JESSIE SWINNEY, b. 4 Sept. 1899, Teacher in Wichita, Kans.
(2) ROBERT L., b. 12 Apr.,1901, m. 28 June,1930 to Corrine Brignardollo, Dallas, Texas,Dau.Antonia
(3) JOHN YOUNG, b. 26 Mch.,1906,Glendale, Cal.
(4) GORDON, student Kansas University

(d) JOHN FRANKLIN, b. 30 Jan., 1878, Highland, Kans., m. 7 Aug.,1901 to Virgie Saunders. No issue. Res.Lees Summit,Mo.

(e) GRACE PEARL, b. 22 Nov.,1884, Highland, Kans., m. Jan.,1902 to Roscoe King, b. 29 Sept.,1880. Children:
(1) RUSSELL FRANKLIN, b. 24 Aug.,1903
(2) DONNA DOROTHY, b. 9 May,1905, m. C.E. Goforth on 12 Dec.,1937
(3) WARD WAYNE, b. 22 Mch.,1907
(4) ESTHER BELL, b. 24 Mch.,1913
(5) HAROLD, b. 8 Nov.,19 - , Robinson High School graduate, 1939

(f) LAVINIA, b. 4 Sept.,1886, Highland, Kans. M. 25 Aug.,1909 to Charles Blaine Branson, D.D.S., Res. Lincoln, Neb. Children:
(1) RACHEL MARIAN, b. 23 Sept.,1910, m. 27 Apr.,1935 to Carroll Carson Gilbert, Res. Greeley Cal.
(2) BERNICE

(g) LEWIS IRVIN, b. 6 Sept.,1888, Highland, Kans., d. 1918 (?), m. 9 Apr.,1913 to Rena Emily Sherman (Beatrice, Neb.). No issue.

(h) LESTER SIMEON, b. 10 Apr.,1891, Highland, Kans., d. 11 May, 1893

(i) GEORGE, b. 12 July, 1893, Highland, Kans. M. Louise ----. He stockman, farmer, oil man in Centralia, Kans. Children:
(1) JOHN H., m. 8 July, 1939 to Lileen McGee
(2) GEORGE O.
(3) NANCY ANN

John H. is working on his A.M. in Civil Engineering at Kansas Agricultural College. George is a Junior at Okla. University, Norman, Okla.

G-6-iv NANCY ELIZABETH (Nannie L.), she did not like her name and changed it, b. 17 Feb., 1853, Fillmore, Mo. Never married. Declined numerous offers of marriage from her fifteenth up to her sixtieth year. Educated public schools.

Public school teacher for many years, her normal training was largely received at County Institutes. Began teaching when young at Leona,

Kansas, and continued until 1882 when she, with her family, went to Washington County, Kansas. She bought 160 acres of fine farm land north of Haddam which she owned until going to Richmond, California in 1902.

She continued teaching in Washington County, became Principal of the High School at Haddam and later High School English teacher in Washington High School.

One of her pupils in the Haddam High School, Wilbur D. Vincent, Superintendent of the Boise, Idaho Public Schools in a bulletin to his teachers in 1935 wrote,"The first high school teacher to make a lasting impression upon me was a lady principal, Miss Nannie Nesbit, who taught practically all of the subjects in a four year high school where there were not to exceed sixty pupils. Her contribution was, as I remember, soft-voiced, quiet-mannered, but gave a thrill of inspired confidence in myself to do things. She was a careful scholar and some way had the power to make each one in the class feel that he was the individual of her extreme solicitude. She had a fine sense of humor and would laugh with us but not at us. She had an unconscious type of dignity that made one wish to be held in her high esteem. In all of my experiences I have never been so impressed with the need for exact and careful English as in a freshman class under Miss Nesbit. We somehow caught from her the value of preparedness of our daily tasks. We learned something about poise and gentleness. We felt that our conscience was being quickened and tuned up every day in her classes. We did not do the ordinary freshman pranks because she wouldn't like such. We carefully prepared every paper because she made significant marks wherever a comma or period was omitted, and then very carefully discussed the meaning of those marks during the recitation period. She opened up broad new fields of reading by merely indicating in a very happy way the fine stories or the fine sentiment that might be found in certain books. And with all of this she called us "My boys and my girls," and had a pride in us.

Miss Nesbit is now eighty-two years old. Yet a few years ago when I had received a distinct promotion in my line of work, her letter of congratulation was the one that rang most sincere and was by far the most appreciated. Miss Nesbit's contribution in the way of service to her students was distinctly sincerity, effective friendship, building of confidence and an active interest in each of her pupils."

A teacher who had no bad boys or dumb pupils. A maker of men and women through preceipt, example and practice. Patient, well poised, refined, industrious, honest, intelligent, frugal, sympathetic, gentle, attractive, clean in person, thoughts and deeds. Loving and

loved and known by all.

To the Christian (Disciple) Church and its organizations, she gave much time, money and talent. The C.W.B.M. and its work and missionaries she loved. She lived her religion, she lead a Christian life.

After retiring from teaching, she was Editor of a school column and associate editor of "The Watmen", Washington, Kansas, manager Insurance Agency, County Book Store manager under state adoption, candidate for County Superintendent leading the ticket though defeated.

Went to Richmond, California in 1902 with her mother to be near her brothers Ed and Sam and their families. Purchased some houses, continued private teaching, was a popular deputy registration of voters at Richmond for twenty-five years. She wrote a Spencerian hand and her records and letters were always fine specimens of handwriting.

Her devotion and love for her mother was indeed great and she did so until mother died at the age of 85. Her sister, Mary and husband, Benjamin McCray lived next door and they were affectionate aids with many attentions to the sweetest and best woman, my MOTHER.

Mary died in 1928. Benjamin went to live with his daughter, Ruth. Nannie was visited and shared her home with a large number of neices and nephews. Scattered around the Bay, which gave her much pleasure, but write the thought that a milder climate might add to her comfort, she purchased a membership into the California Christian Home, 1015 Mission Drive, San Gabriel, California and there is happily situated.

G-6-vii SAMUEL ANTHONY NESBIT, b. 5 Apr., 1860, Highland, Doniphan County, Kans., m. Nellie Painter, on 17 Oct., 1894, Osceola, Iowa. She b. Afton, Iowa, 14 June, 1868, dau. James and Mary Caroline (Reynolds) Painter. Res. Richmond, Cal. Children:

(a) PAUL TEMPLAR, 13 Oct., 1896, Eureka, Cal. Served U.S. Navy, Wireless Operator, Commissioned Ensign in reserve in 1936. M. Freida Lucille Jahant on 27 May, 1924, Lodi, Cal. She b. 27 May, 1900, Acampo, Cal. Res. Lodi, Cal. Children:

(1) KATHRYN LUCILLE, b. 29 July, 1925 Lodi, Cal.

(2) PAUL TEMPLAR, Jr., 5 Mar., 1927, Stockton, Cal.

(b) MARK CLEMENT, b. 22 Oct., 1901, m. Berdina Rogers, b. 1908. Divorced

(c) MARY CAROLINE, b. 5 Aug., 1908, marriage 5 Aug., 1936 to Thomas Stephen Hafey. Thomas had a son by 1st marriage. Res. Berkley, California

SAMUEL ANTHONY NESBIT WROTE CONCERNING HIMSELF AND FAMILY

Samuel Anthony Nesbit, the seventh child of Samuel Franklin Nisbet and Mary Templar Nisbet, was born April 5, 1860, on a farm north-west of Highland, Doniphan County, Kansas.

The walk at night down the street of Iowa Point where we had moved is very vivid in my memory now at the age of seventy-three.

I remember the marriage of my sisters, Mary and Rachel. My schooling was begun there.

At Serverance, my school experience, working in my father's general store and weighing the grain and assisting shelling corn and loading it, then my first farm work.

I attended the first Teacher's Institute at Troy and passed the examination for a teacher's certificate, but was too young to teach.

The family moved to Leona, and the farm required my services.

I began the study of music and playing the organ for which I am so thankful and have found it helpful in many situations. I attended a private normal school at Oregon, Holt County, Missouri and taught my first school at $35.00 per month. While a student at the normal, I became a Christian and was baptized by Rev. William A. Gardner. My further schooling was at Highland, Kansas University parts of two years. I taught a term of school near Leona, Kansas for which I received $40.00 per month.

On moving to Washington County, Kansas, I taught two years the Blocker School in the neighborhood in which we lived.

I leased the land my sister, Nannie, owned and farmed it three years and in the fall of 1885, I went to Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa receiving the A.B. Degree with the class of 1889.

Returning to Kansas, I began preaching at Morrow, Washington County, held a successful revival at Stockton, Rooks County, took pastorale of the Norton Church, thence to Topeka and accepting a call to Madera, California, in May, 1891 returning to school at Cother University, Lincoln, Nebraska for two years and secured my A.M. Degree.

Was married to Miss Nellie Painter, a teacher in Cotner University at Oscula, Iowa, October 17, 1894(a family with a fine record for accomplishments. Paul is making a record and writing. Finish it up and send it in. O.B.N.).

We came to Eureka, Humboldt County, California, where we spent five busy and happy years as pastors of the Christian Church. In addition to the pastoral duties, I edited the Redwood Christian, a weekly religious paper with a circulation of 1000 copies.

Paul Templar was born October 13, 1896, in Eureka. Mark Clement was born at Saratoga, Santa Clara County, California, October 22, 1901. Mary Carolyn was born at Concord, Contra Casts County, August 4, 1909, lived there six years.

Resided on a farm near Lodi, California a number of years raising almonds, prunes and Tokay grapes.

When the war came on and men teachers were needed, I volunteered and taught two years in the Healdsburg High School.

Have preached for a number of Churches in the last years; Acampo, Christian Colony, Willows, Manteca, Merced, Das Palos and supplied on occasion. Retired and resides in Richmond, California.

G-6-viii EDWARD TEMPLER NESBIT, b. 19 Oct., 1864, Highland, Donaphan County, Kans. Teacher in public schools, Minister for Christian Churches. Teacher in rural schools of Washington County, Kans. and town of Washington, Kans. prior to removal to California. Schools attended: Highland Academy, Northwest Normal at Oregon, Holt County, Mo., Formal School at Morrill, Kans., Drake University for two years, Berkley Bible Seminary for three years graduating in 1900. Assistant Minister Woodland, Cal., Sept., 1890-Sept., 1891. He m. 19 Feb.,?, Effice Alice Miller, b. 25 Nov., 1865, Macomb, Macdonaugh County, Ill. Dau. of Isaac and Martha (Berry) Miller. Pastor of the Calusa Christian Church many years. Retired 1939. Res. 1776 Hermosa Drive, Temple City, Cal.
Children:

(a) MILDRED ALICE, b. 15 Sept.,1893, Colusa, Cal., attended Fresno State Teachers College, California Christian College, m. 7 July,1935 to Lon A. Bobo, Res. 404 Rosemont Blvd.,San Gabriel, Cal. His second marriage. She a teacher in Pasadena Schools, he with Metropolitan Life Insurance. Children:
  (1) JEANNE, adopted dau. of 1st m.
  (2) VIRGINIA
  (3) LON Jr.

(b) REED MILLER, b. 8 Dec.,1898, received M.D. from Stanford Medical College and B.A. from Stanford University, attended University of Michigan. Professor Urology, Univ. Mich. Medical. Internationally known surgeon. He m. 7 Apr., 1928 to Mabel O. Wilkins. Res. Ann Arbor, Michigan. Children:
  (1) NANCY ALICE, b. 22 Oct., 1933
  (2) MARY TEMPLAR, b. 22 May, 1935
  (3) MABEL ANN, b. 8 Dec., 1939

HISTORY OF HIS LIFE WRITTEN TO HIS CHILDREN

My father, Samuel Franklin Nisbet, was born at Cynthiana, Kentucky, June 9, 1823. The family which moved to Monroe County, Mo. in 1825. He went to school 100 days (as did Abraham Lincoln) in Mo.(?). He left Monroe County to travel with two young men, Saddler and Foreman, teaching singing schools. He met and married my mother in Andrew County, Missouri in 1846. He was 23 and she was 16, lacking about a month. Mother's name was Mary Templar, the daughter of James Templar. Mother was born at Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio. James Templar was born in Virginia. My mother being his only child, he stipulated that she should live in his household during his life. My father led the way to Kansas, Doniphan County, where the family settled in 1857. By November, 1857, about 11 years from marriage, there had been born six children, four daughters and two sons. The two sons and one daughter, Millie, did not survive infancy. Subsequently there were three sons which concluded the

family. Samuel Anthony was the eldest son who attained adult life. I was the eighth child, born October 19th, 1865, on the farm near Highland, Doniphan County, Kansas. Our youngest brother, Otis Burgess was born at Severance, Doniphan County, Kansas on January 31, 1871. In those five years between my birth and the birth of Otis, the family had moved from the farm, first to Iowa Point in the same County, on from there to Severance. About 1875 we moved to a farm at Leona, the same County. In 1882 the family moved to Washington County, Kansas. January 1st, 1883, I began teaching at a rural school in northeastern part of Republic County, Kansas, a three months term at $35.00 per month. I taught the same school the next year for three months also, at $40.00 or $45.00 per month. There were about about 60 pupils in that school ranging from five or six years of age to some boys who were over school age. I look back to those two terms as very happy experiences with nothing to mar the pictures. (He came home with a bad case of seven year itch, the only such infessation to enter our house -OBN) Youth together, playing at long recesses and noon periods. No quarrels, no choosing up sides, for we played "Work up" beginning with the next one "up". School opened with reading the Bible and prayer. I do not remember about singing but think we sang a Sunday School song. I remember learning the song "Asleep in Jesus". One morning after making the fire and sweeping out (maybe dusting), I found this song and learned it by note first. It was my first consciousness of independent music reading. About this time I also recall how I discovered I could hold in memory the thoughts and ideas of others and think about them whether they were what I held to be true or orthodox.

I rode a small Texas pony which I bought from a drove of the same. She never got over bucking slightly but not vigorously enough to throw me off and that means anyone off. (Why omit riding mules?) I was no fancy rider but do not remember of falling off or being thrown off a horse when riding alone. I distintly recall riding up behind mother when she rode Old Dick, the Indian pony. then she rode to the railroads, the St. Joe. and Grand Island, which had gotten out to Ryan's Station about half way from St. Joe to Troy. There was one train, the work train, called the "Mud-Cat". The engine was switching the two or three flat cars, the complete rolling stock, no doubt of the road, Uncle Johnny Puncheon, was the engineer, Old Dick reared up when mother curbed him and I slid off behind. Another time I was riding behind my brother, Samuel, on Dick when we were moving from the old saw mill near Iowa Point to Severance. When we got in sight of the new town, we licked the pony into a gallop and his hind feet overtook the front ones and down we all went like Humpty-Dumpty. But when I had the reins and was alone on the horse, no animal that ever wore hair or had hoofs could boast it had unhorsed me, Hah, hah, brrr. Except one, and that was a calf Samuel dared me to try to ride from one gate to another and when I was opening the gates of the correll for him to drive the team and wagon loaded with corn through, the calf had no man to hold onto as did Old Dick and the youngster was not only milk fed but bran-fed and the bran was no outside of the grain hull-stuff but "shorts" and "middlins" which is a foreign language to you all.

In September, 1885, I went to Des Moines and entered Drake University where I met my wife at a meeting of "The Alethean Literary Society. We joined the same evening and signed the roll together. I was attracted to the Post Office address of her roommate who also signed at the time and this was our first conversa-

tion, which we continued on our way "home" that evening. I spoke first but she spoke last.

I came to California in September, 1890 from Washington, Kans. where I had taught two or more years in the public schools. My call to California was from Rev. William A. Gardner, pastor of Woodland Christian Church. This call came through the ministry of Miss Nettie L. Gardner who was a sister of the minister. She began her work at "Hesperian College", Woodland, in September 1890. She also arranged for her friend and fellow teacher at "Drake", 1889-90, Miss Effie Alice Miller, my fiancee, to be her assistant teacher of music in "Hesperian". We were married February 19th, 1891 and lived happily ever afterwards to this day.

All of which I solemnly affirm to be true to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of which I may have said before. Thus beginneth the seventy fourth year of my sojourn having finished seventy three.

With best love to all,

EDWARD TEMPLAR NESBIT

Calusa, Cal.
Oct. 19, 1938

(He wants to be remembered as a bronco buster, a soul saver, a sweet singer, a good pastor, a leader of boys, a good citizen, a funeral preacher of note, a friendly man, as indicated by the colums of newspaper publicity given at the time of his retirement at Calusa, California. OBN)

G-6-ix OTIS BURGESS NESBIT, b. 21 Jan.,1871, Severance, Kans., m. 22 June, 1897, Alice A. Vincent, b. 22 June, 1872, Valparaiso, Ind. Dau. Dr. Alonzo W. and Mary (Wood) Vincent. He grad. in Pharmacy at Valparaiso University, M.D. Degree from Bennett Medical College, Chicago, 1902. Practiced medicine Valparaiso until 1913. Taught in Pharmacy and Medical department, Valparaiso University. Member of Health Departments. In 1913 went to Gary, Indiana as Director of Medical Department of the Public Schools. Res. 444 Jackson Street, Gary, Ind. Two Children:

(a) ALLEGRA MARY, b. 2 June, 1900, B.S.M.A. University of Chicago, Teacher, Gary, Ind.

(b) BEATRICE TEMPLAR, b. 6 Dec., 1903, m. Alexander Oppenheim, b. 4 Feb., 1902, Manchester, England. Oxford University, Ph.D. University of Chicago, 1930. Professor of Mathematics, Raffles College, Singapore, S.S. Beatrice B.S. Degree University of Chicago. Has resided in Edinburgh

G-7 MELVINA (SARAH M.), b. 23 Aug., 1829, d. 6 Mch.,1908, m. James Gibbs, 18 Nov.,1863, d. 14 Sept.,1899, aged 82 years, 4 mos., 2 days. One daughter:

G-7-i MARY, m. ---- Powers, d. 12 Oct.,1887, 21 yrs. old. One child who died young

G-8 AMERICA, b. 18 Mch.,1832, d. 27 June,1912, m. S.H. Painter, d. 27 Nov.,1893, aged 64 years, 2 months, 2 days. Both bur. Stoutsville, Mo. Cemetery. Children:

G-8-i GEORGE WASHINGTON, b. 26 Dec.,1853, d. 2 July, 1854, bur. old farm

G-8-ii THOMAS JEFFERSON, b. 24 Mar.,1857, d.26 July, 1858, bur. old farm

G-8-iii A. VIRGINIA, b. 3 Apr.,1855, m. 15 Feb.,1872 to C.W. Kennett. Lives at Monroe City, Mo. Says that Samuel and Nancy were Baptists. They lived with her mother after Nicholas' death. Children:

(a) MARY ALICE, b. 30 Mch.,1873, m. George Thrift, bur. Stoutsville, Mo. Four children all in California

(b) SAMUEL WALTER, b. 23 Sept.,1874, never married. Lives with Mother, Monroe City, Missouri

(c) JAMES C., b.9 Oct.,1878, m. Mary Bans--te. Lives Monroe City, Mo. No chil.

(d) MYRTLE LEE, b.27 Feb.,1882, m. Claude Watson. Four children in Monroe City

(e) ESSIE BLANCHE, 6 Apr.,1885, m. Frank May (died). 3 children in Wash., D.C.

G-8-iv E. OSCAR, b.10 Mch.,1859, m. 1st Alice Jones, divorced, 2nd -------Hutchinson, lived at Shelbina, Mo. in 1930. Dead descendants at Boliver, Mo., So. Bend, Ind. and Niles, Mich.

G-8-v SAMUEL FRANKLIN, b.20 Mch.,1861, d. 1 Oct.,1861 bur. old farm

G-8-vi NANCIE E., b.6 Aug.,1861, m. 1st Bayless Jones, died, 2nd, Thomas Ferrell, lived in Holliday, Mo., in 1930. Had old Bible

G-8-vii J. WILLIAM, b.20 Dec.,1864, died in Alberta,Can., m. Ann Turnbough

G-8-viii JOHN CHAUNCEY, b.28 Apr.,1869, d.1 Sept.,1928, m. Fannie Jordan, San Barnudeno,Cal (1930)

G-8-ix AMERICA ANN, b.9 Sept.,1872, d.23 Aug.,1899, bur. Stoutsville,Mo. Cemetery, m. George Watson

G-9 NICHOLAS T. NESBIT, b.1835, d.1862, m.4 Sept.,1856, Angelina N. Fields (wife of Marcus N.Powers,former wife of Nicholas Nesbit, b.13 Apr.,1835, d.16 Sept.,1862,on tombstone on old Nesbit farm). Children:

G-9-i SAMUEL, b.2 Sept.,1857,d.1 July,1901. Never married.

G-9-ii WILLIAM GREENBURY, b.24 Dec.,1859, d. 1863

G-9-iii MALLIE (MELVINA), b.1861, d.22 Jan.,1937,Richmond, Cal.,m. Wm.D.Scott,cremated Berkley Cemetery. Was Christian Science practioner at Richmond,Cal. Mallie says Samuel Nisbet,her grandfather,had light hair, blue eyes. Nancy Thomas Nisbet had black hair, black eyes.

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444 Jackson Street,
Gary, Indiana.

H O W

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

The weary ones had rest, the sad had joy
That day and wondered 'how'?
A ploughman, singing at his work, had prayed
'Lord, help them now.'

Away in foreign lands they wondered 'how'
Their simple word had power?
At home, the Christians two or three had met
To pray an hour!

Yes, we are always wondering, wondering 'how'
Because we do not see
Some one, unknown perhaps, and far away
On bended knee.

By Frances Maud Nesbitt
London, England
(By permission)

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Nisbetology Number Eight is devoted to my own family largely and will not be sent to all. A copy will be sent to those especially requesting it. The mailing cost prohibits its general circulation. Much of the material would not interest many.

Wishing you a good New Year,

OTIS B. NESBIT

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ALICE GREETS YOU

To those who may read this, I wish a Happy and Prosperous 1940.

I will look back with pleasure as I think of the last two weeks of August, 1939, with Otis and Allegra, seeing and visiting friends on a delightful trip through Ohio, New York, Canada and Michigan.

Having had a mother and then a husband interested in family history, I decided to try to find something about the Vincents, and hence our stop at the County Seat of Huron County, Ohio and at Milan, Ohio, my father having been born eleven miles from this little town, now made famous as the birthplace of Thomas Edison. We spent one night at Mentor, Ohio, I would say the home of antiques as well as the birthplace of President Garfield.

The third afternoon found us at Niagara Falls with the sun shining and producing a beautiful rainbow and enabled Otis to get some beautiful movies. We had dinner at Hamilton.

We decided to drive on that night to Toronto and marvelled at the twenty-five miles of the beautifully lighted Elizabethan highway.

While Otis spent the morning at the Connaught Laboratories, Allegra and I shopped and spent some hours at the library looking over the early histories of Toronto. As I wished to clear up a Vincent family story that they once owned the land Toronto is built on, we made some calls at Scarsborough Junction but the Vincents relatives had passed on and the young people had never heard of the Vincents.

Mrs. J.H. Houston invited us to her beautiful home and took us to the Country Club for dinner, after which she took us for an enjoyable drive out to the edge of the city to see where they are building a new home. Mrs. Houston was a Humphrey. Her parents formally lived in our neighborhood. Her sister, Mrs. C.A. DeLong lives near now.

Otis and Allegra bought woolen cloth at Nisbet and Auld, dealers in woolens, and Nisbet Tartan ties from Donald MacLean.

Our next stop was Gananoque and the beautiful St. Lawrence River where we had rooms for two days near some friends. We enjoyed seeing the country in this district. Dr. Sue Thompson and Miss Isabelle Jones and their mothers were here and we enjoyed being with them. Allegra attended a luncheon given at a swanky hotel by Dr. Sue. Otis, Mrs. Jones and I took a boat trip to see some of the Thousand Islands. The weather was fine and the trip very restful and pleasant.

We enjoyed the trip to Montreal along the canals and spent some time seeing the city and a delightful evening with Miss Dobson. Was sorry to have missed seeing Nesbitt, her brother. The readers of NISBETOLOGY will remember her mother's, Mrs. Ethel Nesbitt Dobson, interesting letters, Miss Dobson told us how to find her mother at their summer home at Constance Bay, twenty-five miles above Ottawa.

Before leaving Montreal, we called on Mrs. Marian Nesbitt and met a part of her fine family. She was in Gary for a day visiting her brother, Walter McNabb, in November. Sorry we did not get to see her.

We left Montreal early for Ottawa. It is a beautiful drive, many miles along the Ottawa River, then over into the farming section where we met every kind of horse drawn vehicle and apparently happy people. We did not tarry in Ottawa only long enough to get some provisions for lunch and hastened on.

Arriving at Constance Bay, we found Mrs. Dobson had left that morning for Ottawa. We were invited by Mrs. Dobson's hospitable friend to eat our lunch in her cottage.

We were pleased to find Mrs. Dobson at a friend's in Ottawa and enjoyed her company and guidance around Ottawa and the beautiful Parliament buildings, we had dinner together and saw her depart for home.

We retraced our homeward trip and spent one night at Smith Falls, and the next night at Guelp, and on via Kitchner, London, and over the International Bridge at Port Huron arriving at Reed Nesbit's summer home near Ann Arbor in time for dinner. We spent two days with them, thence home.

Hoping we may see all the readers of this letter in the near future at our Gary home, I remain

Yours sincerely,
ALICE NESBIT

John Berry
d. 1771, Virginia

Ireland (?)

Mary Berry
b. 1748
d. October 22, 1828
bur. Livonia, Indiana on
Alexander Martin's lot

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Samuel Nisbet
b. 1754 - Scotland (?)
d. 1814 - near Cynthiana,
Harrison County, Kentucky

June 1, 1813, Harrison Co., Kentucky

Samuel Nisbet
b. March 1, 1781
d. September 1, 1866
bur. Stoutsville, Missouri
85 y. 6 m. bur. on old farm

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Nancy M. Thomas
b. February, 1793 (?)
(1792 U.S. Census 1850)
d. August 13, 1869
76 y. 6 m.
bur. on old farm
dau. John Thomas

November 6, 1846, Fillmore, Missouri

Samuel F. Nisbet
b. June 9, 1823
Harrison County, Kentucky
d. December 23, 1895
Washington County, Kansas
bur. Washington County, Kansas

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Mary Templar
b. January 18, 1831
Mount Vernon, Ohio
d. August 30, 1916
Richmond, California
dau. James Templar and
Mrs. Mary Auld
bur. Richmond, California

June 22, 1895, Valparaiso, Indiana

Otis B. Nesbit
b. January 31, 1871
Severance, Kansas
Res. Gary, Indiana
Children:
Allegra Mary Nesbit
b. June 2, 1900
Beatrice Templar Nesbit

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Alice Vincent
b. June 22, 1872
Lake County, Indiana
dau. Dr. A.W. Vincent and
Mary (Wood) Vincent

May 5, 1930, Chicago, Illinois

Beatrice Templar Nesbit
b. December 6, 1903

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Alexander Oppenheim
b. February 4, 1902,
Manchester, England

Judith Oppenheim
b. August 17, 1935
Chicago, Illinois

Miss Mary J. Nesbit, Indianapolis, called on us when visiting Mrs. George Wert, her neice, and told about the death on February 26, 1939, of Charles H. Nesbit of Miama, Florida, grandson of James Nesbit, who was a brother of her father, Dr. Joseph Allen Nesbit. They are members of the clan from Bourbun County, Kentucky.

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Norman B. Nesbett, D.M.D., 106 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Mass., was 63 years old last April 28. His father, Dr. Frederick B. Nesbett, born in Fredericton, New Brunswick, came from Scotland and became a New Brunswick lumberman who moved to Saco, Maine. His father served in the U.S. Civil War, a Sergeant. Norman has one brother, Ralph W., East Freetown, Mass. No children. He is an Assistant Professor Dental Department, Harvard University.

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Mr. and Mrs. John W. Nesbit, Albion, Indiana, F.R.D. No. 2, celebrated their 50th Golden Wedding, February 19, 1939.

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Mrs. William T. Pritchett, nee Agnes Cox, 405 Santa Rita Avenue, Modesto, California, wrote as did Charles B. Todd who was doing graduate work in Zoology at C.U. Berkley. They belong to the Madisonville, Kentucky family.

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Robert C. Nesbitt of London asked for five or six pages for his coming book about his family, on the Nesbits of America. I have been unable to comply. Who will undertake it?

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Cousin Sarah Lewis Reel, born September 9, 1837, died May 3, 1939, at the age of one hundred and one years, eight momths and twenty-four days at Whittier, California, buried Pomona, California. She was a daughter of Aaron Lewis and Rebeccah Nisbet, was born in Posey County, Indiana, married Henry Reel who died in 1932. Mrs. Edith Benn, a daughter, lives at 997 East Third Street, Pomona, California.

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George O. Young, a great nephew, was in the Military Training Camp at Fort Sheridan last summer and visited me over the Fourth of July week-end. He should come again and see the fine movies I got of him in his uniform. He expects to graduate from Oklahoma University next year. Will specialize in "oil".

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Brother Edward has retired from active pastorial duties. He and Effie, his faithful helper, give as their new address: 1776 Hermosa Drive, Temple City, California. They have just completed a new house where they will be near Sister Nannie and their daughter, Mildred. May happiness be your lot. He has become a great letter writer. Sorry I do not have space for all of them.

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Forrest Meek, R.F.D. No. 5, Olympia, Washington, writes, "I am a great grandson of Elizabeth Nisbet McIlvaine and was twenty-five years of age when my grandmother, Sarah A. McIlvaine passed away in 1905 in Decatur County, Indiana, where she moved to when she was nine years of age, about 1831. Great grandfather (Samuel H. McIlvaine) was buried in northern Decatur County, Indiana, about one mile from the old home farm. He married for his second wife, Nancy Meek, one of my great aunts on father's side, also my grandfather, Thomas Meek, married Samuel McIlvane's daughter, Sarah."

Well, Forrest, if half of the good things Mrs. Alvin Jones tells about are true, I am willing to claim you and your good wife as cousins. When you come back next summer, we will talk it all over. Bring all your papers along.

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Mrs. Blanche Hartman writes; John Nesbit, the patriot of York County, Pennsylvania, sister Jean by marrying Will Ross became my ancestor. John married first, ---- Wickersham, a Quaker, second, Mary Crichton, died 1767, tombstone inscribed Mary Nisbet and John's name on the same stone, John Nisbet, died 1801. The record of his marriage is John Nesbitt of East Marlsborough, Chester County, Pennsylvania, at Old Swedes Church, Wilmington, Delaware, October 31, 1752, a runaway match between a Scotch Presbyterian and a Quaker. She proposes that Nisbet Clan purchase the old Nesbit home in York County. It stands at the kitchen door of the old Ross home. She has written the Freeport, Illinois man for a copy of his long pedigree back to Philip de Nisbit but has had no reply.

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William Wade Hinshaw, The Mayflower, Washington, D.C., the former Opera Singer has turned a genealogist and is compiling data on the Quakers of America. His son represents the Pasadena, California District in Congress. I was interested in trying to get some dope on James Templer. They have not reached the Ohio Section.

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Cousin William and Mrs. Endicott of Cynthiana, Indiana, rounded out 70 years of married life together, November 9, 1939. He is 90 and she 89. They were born in Posey County, Indiana. They have 5 children, 9 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren living.

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A.G. Nisbit, Cannon City, Colorado, went with a young friend, 83 years old to California. They travelled 4,444 miles and were gone 34 days. Never missed a meal. At Pasadena, California, met Miss Minerva McMillan, a patient of mine at Valparaiso long ago. His former partner's son is Dr. Lyle Craig of that city. At Berkley, he visited Rev. L.B. Hillis, who called up two Nesbits, who came over to visit. They were from Ballibay, Ireland, formally.

A.G. says his mother was a descendant of Andrew Jackson. His son, Paul Nesbit conducts a Nature Study Camp at Cuchara Camp, near LaVeta, California. Address: Box 288, Walsenburg, California.

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L. Blanche Francis, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, a desendant of James Nisbet of Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania fame, invited me to come see her some Sunday afternoon. Had it been for "noon", I might have accepted. She is a merchant. Her grandfather came to Indiana about 1840.

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Rev. John Pratt Nesbit has completed a history of the Pratt family. He is still supply pastor to the South Argyle Church, Greenwich, New York. They spent this vacation at Winona Lake, Indiana, where they have a home. Alice and I called and found Mrs. Nesbit suffering from injuries resulting from a fall. John had not yet arrived. We hoped to see him when he came but did not get to. He sent a dollar. Thanks. Glad someone appreciates NISBETOLOGY.

Mrs. Thelma F. Lee, 4620 Fourty-fifth Street, Washington, D.C., had an article on Allen Nesbit, in the National Genelogical Society Quarterly for December, 1938.

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Motion Pictures of Nesbits

My film library now contains pictures of my own family, Reed Nesbit and family of Ann Arbor, all of my family in California, those in attendance at the Nisbet-Lamburn Reunion in 1937 at Peru, Indiana, the Nisbet-Endicott Reunion in 1939 at Cynthiana, Indiana, Cousin Ann McLaughlin and daughters at Henderson, Ky., J.R. Rash and wife at Madisonville, Kentucky, Bud Nisbet and wife, Providence, Kentucky, William and Mrs. Endicott and Iran Blase at Cynthiana, Indiana, Zula, Leon, Mary, George and John Young, Norman and Robert Swinney and family. They are a good-looking Clan. Come see them. The pictures are fine.

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George L. Nesbitt, Traverse City, Michigan, General Hardware. He and his parents born in Michigan. His grandfather came from Ireland.

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Mrs. Mary Nisbet, 96, mother of Mrs. Ruby Laffoon, died December 4, 1938, at the home of her grandson, Edwin Ferguson in Central City, Kentucky. She was a native of Christian County, Kentucky; was survived by five daughters: Mrs. Laffoon, Mrs. Hattie Ferguson, Earlington, Kentucky, Mrs. Athalia Shell, Graham, Kentucky, Mrs. Jessie Hoffman, Frankfort, Kentucky, Mrs. Richard Grant, Oswego, New York. Her husband and son are dead.

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Edward Nisbet, 78, died September, 1939, at Evansville, Indiana, son late Watkins F. Nisbet. He belonged to the Madisonville family. Leaves Ann L., wife, a sister, Mrs. Hopson Holeman, Frankfort, Kentucky, and several nieces and nephews. He was in the Old National Bank.

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If you see a California auto license No. 5N10, STOP HIM! It's Mark Nesbit of Redlands. He has had the same number for 7 years.

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Reed M. Nesbit, M.D. of Ann Arbor, Michigan, has had a full year attending and reading papers before surgical societies. He is loved by his pupils and patients. He is regarded as a great teacher and surgeon.

Mabel Ann arrived at their home on December 8, 1939.

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Nesbit Clan in Telephone Directories

Los Angeles, California lists 14 Nesbit and 1 Nisbet
Detroit, Michigan, lists 8 Nisbet, 3 Nesbit, 15 Nesbitt
Chicago, Illinois lists 7 Nisbet, 3 Nisbett, 8 Nesbit, 20 Nesbitt
Toronto, Canada, lists 40 Nesbitt, 8 Nisbet, 1 Nesbeth
Boston , Mass., lists 12

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Mrs. Mary D.A. Field of The Plains, Virginia, who very thoroughly searched Virginia Records for me, writes that Mr. Field died and she is managing the estate at Fieldmont. Her home was Lexington. She misses not being able to have time for research which she loves. You may be sure I will see you and confer on Nisbet-Berry history.